

Support Services and Reporting Options for People Who Experience Sexual Misconduct

Western Washington University Counseling and Support Resources

- [CASAS \(Consultation and Sexual Assault Support\)](#) (for students): Old Main 585B; (360) 650-3700. CASAS provides confidential, professional consultation, information about medical services, legal information and reporting options, academic support, and support groups for survivors of violence, including sexual violence. CASAS can help students make a report to the University or to the police.
- [Counseling Center](#) (for students): Old Main 540; (360) 650-3164 (counselor on-call is available 24 hours a day). The Counseling Center provides confidential counseling, including crisis appointments and after-hours emergency services. The Counseling Center also assists students by referring them to other services on campus and to community resources that can offer more specialized or longer-term help with problems and concerns.
- [Student Health Center](#) (for students): Campus Services Building, 2001 Bill McDonald Pkwy.; (360) 650-3400. The Student Health Center provides confidential health care, including treatment for injuries and sexually transmitted infections, and emergency contraceptive services.
- [Employee Assistance Program](#) (for employees): (877) 313-4455 (appointment scheduling); (866) 704-6364 (after-hours help line). The EAP provides confidential help to public employees regarding personal and work-related problems. Consultations are available at no cost to covered employees and adult members of their households.
- [Human Resources](#) (for employees) – Humanities Building, Floor 2; (360) 650-3774. Human Resources can assist employees who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and employees who have family members who are survivors. State law allows employees to take leave from work, with or without pay, to address legal or law enforcement needs and obtain medical, mental health and social services assistance related to sexual violence. HR administers this Domestic Violence Leave.

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- [University Police](#) (for students, employees, and others affected by sexual violence on campus): Campus Services Building, 2001 Bill McDonald Pkwy. In an emergency, call (360) 650-3911, x3911 from a campus phone, or 911. In a non-emergency, call (360) 650-3555. Survivors of sexual violence may file a criminal report with University Police. University Police can also assist with safety planning and providing campus escorts. See [POL-U5615.01 Responding to Campus Violence or Threats of Violence](#). Students may also work with CASAS, and anyone may work with Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS), to make a police report and/or file for legal no-contact orders.
- [Western's Title IX Coordinator/Equal Opportunity Office](#) (for students, employees, and others in the campus community affected by sexual misconduct): Old Main 345; (360) 650-3307 or 711 (WA Relay); sue.guenter-schlesinger@wwu.edu. Sue Guenter-Schlesinger is the Vice Provost for Equal Opportunity and Western's Title IX Coordinator. Survivors of sexual misconduct, including sexual violence, may file a discrimination complaint with the EO Office. This does not obligate the individual to file a police report. The EO Office coordinates closely with the Office of Student Life. The EO Office can help

coordinate support for survivors of sexual violence, including counseling and medical services, safety planning, obtaining a no-contact order against the perpetrator, academic support, and residence hall room changes. Survivors have the right to support from Western even if they do not want to file a complaint.

Off-Campus Resources and Reporting Options, available to anyone

- **DVSAS (Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services)**: 1407 Commercial Street, Bellingham; 24-hour helpline (360) 715-1563 or (877) 715-1563. DVSAS offers free and confidential services, including a 24-hour helpline seven days a week, walk-in services weekdays from 9am to 5pm, support groups, emergency shelter, and legal, medical and social services advocacy. The DVSAS website, www.dvsas.org, lists many community resources for survivors.
- **Bellingham Police Department**: 505 Grand Avenue, Bellingham. In an emergency, call 911. In a non-emergency, call (360) 778-8800. Contact the police to make a criminal report.
- **PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center**: 2901 Squalicum Pkwy.; (360) 734-5400. The hospital's services include providing treatment for injuries and sexually transmitted infections. The hospital provides rape kit assessments with a sexual assault nurse examiner. An advocate for sexual assault survivors is called whenever a patient reports being sexually assaulted and the patient decides whether to have the advocate accompany them through the exam process. CASAS advocates can also accompany a survivor to the hospital or health provider. Seeking medical treatment can preserve evidence.
- **Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV)**: (206) 389-2515. WSCADV's website provides contact information for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, as well as dating and domestic violence hotlines specifically for teens, Native American people, and people who are Deaf and hard of hearing.
- **Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)**: The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. RAINN provides the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1.800.656.HOPE and the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline at www.rainn.org. The organization provides many resources about sexual violence, including resources about how to help a loved one who has experienced sexual violence.