

# VICTIM ADVOCATE RESPONSE TO STUDENT DISCLOSURE OF A RECENT SEXUAL ASSAULT

Fresno State does not tolerate sexual misconduct. The University recognizes the importance of assisting students who are survivors of sexual violence in regaining personal control over their lives and the decisions they make. Several University offices coordinate efforts to offer services to victim/survivors and others impacted by sexual violence. For additional information on sexual misconduct policies, please reference—<http://www.fresnostate.edu/adminserv/hr/title-ix/students.html>.



## STEP 1: ENSURE SAFETY

- If the student is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.  
*If the student is not in immediate danger, proceed to Step 2.*

## STEP 2: DISCUSS CONFIDENTIALITY

- Inform the student that the Victim Advocate is a confidential resource and is not required to report any information to the Title IX Coordinator or to the Police. *In cases of self harm or harm to others, however, confidentiality cannot be maintained.*  
*Proceed to Step 3.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** None of these items are mutually exclusive. The student can speak with anyone at any time. Reporting is always an option. Reporting to one individual is not mutually exclusive from reporting to another individual. Choosing one route does not preclude or exclude other options. The student can speak with multiple groups and pursue multiple actions at the same time.

## STEP 3: DISCUSS EVIDENCE COLLECTION/MEDICAL CARE (if interested)

- Evidence Collection
- Explain the importance of collecting medical evidence (rape kit) to be used as evidence for a criminal complaint. A rape kit should be done ASAP after assault (preferably within 72hrs after assault, but can be collected up to 5 days after). Transportation can be provided by law enforcement.
    - Forensic Nurse Specialist of Central CA (FNSSC, 559-324-9100) or
    - Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC, 559-459-6000)
- Medical Care
- Explain the importance of doing a physical check and starting preventive STI medications and emergency contraception (if requested) ASAP after assault, but preferably within **72 hrs of assault** (although preventive medications can be taken up to 5 days after assault).
    - If student doesn't want evidence collected, refer them to Student Health and Counseling Center, 559-278-2734.
- Proceed to Step 4.*

## STEP 4: DISCUSS REPORTING OPTIONS (if interested)

- Anonymous: [www.fresnostate.edu/victimadvocate](http://www.fresnostate.edu/victimadvocate) or [fresnostate@tipnow.org](mailto:fresnostate@tipnow.org)
  - Confidential: Victim Advocate, 559-278-6796
  - University/Title IX, 559-278-2345
  - Law Enforcement, 559-278-8400
- Proceed to Step 5.*

## STEP 5: PROVIDE RESOURCES/REPORT TO TITLE IX (if needed)

- Provide resources to student/staff/faculty member (EO 1095 C, EO 1097, Title IX Brochure, Victim Advocate Card, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), additional community and campus resources).
- If the student is requesting an accommodation, with permission, the victim advocate will contact the Title IX Coordinator, 559-278-2345 to facilitate that accommodation request.

CAMPUS RESOURCES	
<b>CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES</b>	
Victim Advocate	559-278-6796
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)	559-278-2734
Fresno State Police Department	559-278-8400
<b>NON-CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES</b>	
Title IX	559-278-2345
Dean of Students/Student Affairs	559-278-2541

COMMUNITY/NATIONAL RESOURCES	
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Rape Counseling Services (RCS)	559-222-7273
Marjaree Mason Center (MMC)	559-233-4357
Fresno City Police Department	559-621-7000
Clovis City Police Department	559-324-2800
Fresno County Sheriff's Department	559-600-8401
<b>NATIONAL RESOURCES</b>	
National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN)	800-656-4673
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233