SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

A guide for students who have experienced sexual misconduct

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Gonzaga University
College Hall Room 120
509.313.4100
www.gonzaga.edu/sexualmisconduct
At Gonzaga, sexual misconduct is a term broadly used to describe many behaviors including sexual harassment, rape, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation, stalking, and harassment (including on-line stalking and harassment) based on gender or sexual orientation. If you have experienced any of these things, we want to help.

Inside this guide you will find information for the many resources on and off campus. Please know that the University has an array of services available and wants to support you. It is your decision what services and support you choose to seek. Most of all, please know that you are not alone.

More information about support, resources, and reporting options can also be found in your Student Handbook, by visiting www.gonzaga.edu/sexualmisconduct

Sexual misconduct is contrary to Gonzaga’s mission, values, and Ethos Statement. In addition to being prohibited by University Policy, sexual misconduct is also prohibited by a federal law known as Title IX. The University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any of its programs and nondiscrimination is required by Title IX.
Getting Help

There are many ways that you can get help after experiencing sexual misconduct. Below is a list of confidential and non-confidential resources on campus. Keep in mind that no matter who you talk to, we want to provide support and resources to help you heal. You have lots of options, some are confidential and some are not. Here is information on the options you have available.

Confidential Options

If you want to remain confidential and would prefer that no information be shared with any other departments in the University, there are a few places you can go:

Confidential Resources and Support

- Gonzaga Health Center | 509.313.4052 | 704 E Sharp Avenue
- Gonzaga Counseling Center | 509.313.4054 | 324 E Sharp Avenue
- Any priest serving as a sacramental confessor or any ordained religious serving in the sacred confidence role. | 509.313.4242
- University Lutheran Community Services and SAFeT | 509.624.RAPE*

Non-Confidential Options

If you choose to talk with any of the non-confidential options below, a professional staff member will work to protect your privacy and anonymity while also assisting you to get support and resources. They are also required by Federal Title IX requirements to create a report of the incident, as well as conduct an inquiry into the incident to protect your safety and that of the community. This inquiry is conducted in a private location and the professionals you choose to work with, maintain your privacy throughout the process, even when they cannot provide confidentiality.

Non-Confidential Resources and Support

- Campus Security | 509.313.2222 | Basement of Welch Hall
- SART First Responder | 509.313.2222 | Ask to be connected to SART
- Student Life Office | 509.313.4100 | College Hall Room 120
- Title IX Deputies | 509.313.3599 | Martin Center 315
- Human Resources | 509.313.5996 | 102 E Boone Avenue

You can also report anonymously or non-anonymously at

www.gonzaga.edu/sexualmisconductform

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What happens if the University has a report of sexual misconduct?

Please know that reports are kept private and shared only with a very small number of professional staff who have a direct role in working with you and the other parties involved in order to provide support, resources, stop the misconduct, prevent further acts, and respond promptly and effectively to any attempts at retaliation.

Once the University receives a report, the first priority is making sure the student involved feels safe and is provided important resources such as counseling, medical attention to attend to health care needs and/or preserve evidence, and the option to file a report with law enforcement. Please see the support services section of this guide for more information on the many resources available to help students through navigating these decisions.

After immediate needs have been addressed, a trained University employee will then look at what follow up actions may be appropriate. These follow up actions can include things like talking to others who may have more information, looking for patterns of behavior on the part of the accused, and considering the ongoing safety of those in our community. The professional staff member working with you, will provide updates about next steps in the process and be available to answer questions and also provide information about what to expect through the recovery process.

Gonzaga University does not tolerate sexual misconduct or harassment on campus and will act to promote the safety of students and respond to reports of misconduct and harassment with compassion and action. We are committed to ensuring that students have a safe living and learning environment in which to access their education.
Resources and Support

Healing after an incident of sexual assault, sexual harassment or relationship violence is often a long and complicated journey. Regardless of when an incident occurred various resources are available to help students get connected to ongoing support services.

On campus resources

**Sexual Assault Response Team*** 509.313.2222

Gonzaga’s Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. SART members are faculty and staff who volunteer to support students immediately following a incident of sexual misconduct. SART members go to the hospital with students, help file police reports, and get students connected to on and off campus support services. You can reach SART by calling 509-313-2222 and asking for a SART responder. SART is a non-confidential resource. If you would like to remain anonymous, you can choose not to identify yourself when you call.

**Campus Public Safety and Security*** 509.313.2222

Officers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to respond to incidents of sexual misconduct. Officers are able to take reports, provide support, and assist in contacting SART and/or local law enforcement. Campus Security can also arrange free transportation to local hospitals for students who wish to seek medical attention or pursue evidence collection after experiencing sexual assault. Campus Public Safety is a non-confidential resource.

**Title IX Deputies***

Gonzaga’s Title IX Deputies are available to connect students to support and resources and to provide information about how the University will respond to sexual misconduct and harassment. The Title IX Deputy is a non-confidential resource. Contact information for the Title IX Deputies is on page 14 of this guide.

**Counseling Center*** 509.313.4054

Counseling is often an essential piece of the recovery process. Students are encouraged to seek on or off campus counseling as soon as they feel
ready. Gonzaga’s Counseling Center located at 324 E Sharp, is a short term counseling option available free of charge to students. Students can schedule an appointment by calling 509.313.4054. The Counseling Center is completely confidential and no information disclosed in the Center will be shared outside of the Counseling Center without the student’s consent.

Health Center* 509.313.4052

Health care is an important and often urgent concern. Gonzaga’s Health Center attends to medical needs, including STD**, and pregnancy testing after an assault. To schedule an appointment, please call 509-313-4052 or stop into the Health Center, located at 704 E. Sharp. Please be aware that the Health Center cannot collect evidence, but will arrange free transportation to a local facility that can. The Health Center is a confidential resource.

** HIV testing is available at the University Health Center as well as through the Spokane Regional Health District - see their website at (QR for http://www.srhd.org/services/hiv.asp)

DREAM Office* 509.313.4134

Students who have diagnosed health or mental health needs as a result of an incident of sexual misconduct may want to consider working with the DREAM Office to see if academic or living accommodations are appropriate. The DREAM Office can be contacted at 509-313-4134 or by visiting their office on the second floor of Foley. DREAM keeps all medical records confidential; however, they must report any information regarding sexual misconduct to the University.

Reports Against a Staff or Faculty Member* 509.313.5996

The University takes all reports of sexual harassment or assault seriously, and especially those incidents reported by students who allege harassment or sexual misconduct by a University staff or faculty member. In this instance, students can report misconduct to the University’s Equal Opportunity Officer (Human Resources, 509-313-5996) or the University’s Title IX Coordinator (Crosby House, 509-313-6910). Either of these offices will provide students with support and resources, while addressing any allegations. These are not confidential resources.
Off Campus Resources

Law Enforcement* 509.456.2233

Students are encouraged to report sexual misconduct that may also violate the law to the Spokane Police Department. Any of the confidential or non-confidential resources listed earlier in this guide can assist students in filing a police report. Spokane Police can be reached at the following numbers: 911 (emergency and where potential collection of evidence is time sensitive) or 509-456-2233 (Crime Check- for any situation where the crime has already occurred and the alleged perpetrator is no longer around). Please know that professional staff in Gonzaga’s Title IX Office are available to discuss what the process of pursing a case through the police and court system is like.

Medical Needs/Evidence Preservation*

Students are encouraged to seek medical attention after an assault. If it is within 72 hours of an incident, students should strongly consider having a sexual assault examination performed at a local hospital. Students who undergo a sexual assault examination preserve their ability to file a police report and pursue charges, but are not obligated to. By Washington state law, the cost of sexual assault examinations are completely covered by local hospitals and free of charge. Additional testing or medication may not be covered. Check with the hospital regarding coverage. The following hospitals are close to the university and have experience in performing sexual assault examinations:

Sacred Heart Hospital
101 W. Eighth Avenue
Spokane, WA 99204
509.474.3131

Deaconess Hospital*
800 W. Fifth Avenue
Spokane, WA 99204
509.458.5800

*Deaconess Hospital has a designated SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) that is trained to assist you through the examination process with sensitivity and compassion.

Free transportation to a local hospital or medical clinic for a sexual assault examination can be arranged by a SART volunteer, a Student Development staff person, or directly through the Health Center. Hospital and medical records are protected by a federal law called HIPPA, thus nothing a student shares at the hospital will be shared with
the University. Gonzaga’s SART members are available to accompany students at the hospital.

**Spokane Crime Victim Service Center** 866.751.7119

This is a free and confidential 24-Hour Hotline with advocates available to provide you with information and walk you through all of your options. They can also accompany you to the hospital and assist you through an examination process. Advocates can also assist you with filling out an application for Spokane Crime Victim Compensation Program which provides free services available to victims who file a report with Spokane Police Department. CVCP can cover costs associated with obtaining counseling or any other medical health care costs due to any injuries or on going physical or mental health needs. These services are covered regardless of the findings of a police report that is made in “good faith”.

**Advocacy/Support** 509.747.8224

Lutheran Community Services is a local agency specializing in supporting persons who have experienced sexual violence, stalking, intimate partner and dating violence, harassment or discrimination, and hate crimes. This agency also operates the SAFeT (Sexual Assault and Family Trauma Response Center), a service with trained victim’s advocates to provide medical and legal advocacy, including explaining of your rights and information on the legal process, assist you in preparing for interviews and trials, support at interviews with investigators, prosecutors, and defense attorneys, and accompaniment at criminal trials, sentencing, and beyond. Further, Lutheran also offers counseling and support groups to assist individuals both short and long-term. Lutheran is completely independent of Gonzaga and does not share any information with the university.

**Lutheran Community Services**  
210 E. Sprague Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99201  
www.lcsnw.org/spokane/index.html  
509.747.8224 or 24 hour crisis line 509.624.7273
The YWCA of Spokane         509.326.2255

The YWCA of Spokane operates the Alternatives to Domestic Violence program which has a confidential safe shelter, provides legal advocacy, and hosts counseling and support groups. The ADVP crisis line, 509.326.2255, is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**Counseling**

As we have mentioned many times, healing is an important part of this journey. Often counseling is one vital step in the healing process. There are various counselors and therapists available in the Spokane area who specialized in providing support in difficult times. Referrals for local clinicians are available through Gonzaga’s Counseling Center and also through Lutheran Community Services.

Again this year, Lutheran will host a free support group for college aged females very close to campus at St. Joseph’s Family Center, 1016 N. Superior. This group starts in September and will be held on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 throughout the year. To sign up, please contact Lutheran’s group intake line at 509.343.5093.
The Journey to Healing

As we have mentioned numerous times, healing is a journey with many twisting and winding roads. While many can accompany students on this journey, only the individual student can walk the path of healing. Yet, hope and healing are possible and we are here to assist you on your journey.

Gonzaga is committed to providing many resources and support options to students. This is why we partner with off campus services that specialize in sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, and harassment.

Below you will find a list of things the University can do to help those who have reported sexual misconduct, and some of our limitations.

What the University can do

• Help you file a campus security or law enforcement report.

• Help you get medical attention at the Health Center on campus, or an off campus facility where you can get medical attention and have the option of having evidence collected; we can arrange for free transportation to one of these facilities.

• Provide information about support, resources, and options on and off campus.

• Get you connected to counseling services on and/or off campus.

• Give limited information about legal processes and connect you to a community advocate who can explain legal options.

• Provide information about the University’s judicial processes and what to expect throughout the process.

• Agree to keep the information you share in confidence, meaning that it will only be passed on if essential and only then with a very limited number of University administrators who have an educational need to know.

• Alert you when your needs exceed the services that University personnel can provide or the roles University personnel have.

• Talk with your parents or friends once a waiver is signed.
What the University cannot do

• File a Security or law enforcement report on your behalf or force you to do a report with Security or law enforcement; the only exception is for persons who are minors. In the case of minors, the University is obligated to report to police or other agencies outside the University.

• Tell you what you should do next or make decisions for you.

• Serve as a therapist or counselor. Only trained counselors in our Counseling Center can fulfill this role within the Center’s guidelines.

• Give legal advice, complete legal documents for you, or speak to a judge/attorney on your behalf.

• Assure that a University judicial hearing or resolution will end in the outcome you desire.

• Assure complete confidentiality; the only way to have complete confidentiality is to use the Confidential Resources and Support options as listed in this guide.

• Work beyond the scope of the University’s systems or the role of University personnel.

• Talk to your parents or friends without your consent.

If students find themselves struggling with a limitation, we encourage the student to reach out to one of the support services on campus so we can look into other ways that we can meet students needs. We want to help.
Quick Resource Guide

Anything with a * is available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

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