Preventing Interpersonal Violence: Understanding Your Reporting Obligations & Employee Resources

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Local Resources
New Hanover County Sheriff’s Dept...........798-4535
Wilmington Police Department.................343-3600
Domestic Violence Shelter and Services.....343-0703
Rape Crisis Center.................................392-7460

North Carolina State Laws are available at:
http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/statutes/statustoc.pl

UNCW Student Gender-based/Sexual Misconduct policy is available at:
www.uncw.edu/sexualmisconduct

Allegations of gender-based/sexual misconduct by faculty and staff are addressed by the University’s Harassment Prevention Policy and Harassment Resolution Procedures.

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Your Rights as an Employee

If you are the victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking then there are resources available to you as an employee. Contact Human Resources or the CARE Center for more information. For example, you have the right to:

- Be assisted by campus authorities if reporting a crime to law enforcement
- Change academic, living, transportation or working situations to avoid a hostile environment
- Obtain or enforce a no contact directive or restraining order
- Receive contact information about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance and other services available both on campus and in the community

Your Obligations as an Employee

All non-confidential university employees (staff, faculty and RAs) who receive a report of alleged sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, on or off campus, must file a report with the Title IX Coordinator.

www.uncw.edu/sexualmisconduct

The three confidential resources for students are UNCW CARE, the Counseling Center or the Student Health Center.

BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER:
At UNCW, we believe that the safety of our community is EVERYONE's business. Sometimes the person being targeted isn't able to stop the escalation and that's when it's important for friends or bystanders to step in.

TWO STEP PROCESS:
1. Notice the Problem
2. Do Something:
   - Direct—say something to those involved
   - Delegate—get others to help with the situation
   - Distract—create a distraction and get that person out of there

The university offers educational programs aimed at creating a safe work and learning environment. These resources can be accessed through Human Resources (www.uncw.edu/hr/harassment-conferences-registrationform.html) and UNCW CARE (www.uncw.edu/care/presentations.html).

Responding to Violence on Campus

- UNCW takes issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking very seriously. If a student wishes to make a report to the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS), call 962-3119.
- All students are entitled to a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and resolution of complaints.
- Possible sanctions for violating the policy include a range from written reprimand up to and including suspension or expulsion. UNCW considers these violations to be serious, thus typically the most severe sanctions are imposed.
- ODOS can issue a no contact order if requested by a victim. This is issued only through the university and both parties must

Dating Violence
Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. Includes sexual or physical abuse or threats of such abuse.

Domestic Violence
Abuse or violence committed by a current or former spouse or by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common or by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse.

Stalking
A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of someone else or suffer substantial emotional distress.

Sexual Misconduct
Any sexual acts attempted or committed without consent and/or by force, threat, coercion, or pressure, or through the use of the victim’s mental or physical helplessness, of which the assailant was aware or should have been aware, including non-consensual sexual intercourse, non-consensual sexual contact, and sexual exploitation.

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