

# STUDENT DATING/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND STALKING **REPORTING**



If you are the victim survivor of dating/domestic violence or stalking, you have several options for reporting the incident. You may pursue all or none of these options. You are not required to file a report immediately; however it is important to preserve any evidence of the dating/domestic violence.

## Police Report

Students are encouraged to report dating/domestic violence or stalking to the police. Both the police department and District Attorney offices are victim centered. Reporting is the first step of a criminal investigation. The goal of a criminal investigation is to determine if a crime has occurred and if a suspect can be linked to the crime. The Millersville University police department will involve a Lancaster County District Attorney Victim Witness Counselor during the initial stages of a police report. Police will not charge a dating or domestic violence victim who had been drinking with underage drinking charges. **The police department who has jurisdiction over the area where the incident took place will conduct the investigation. Police are compelled to arrest or file charges in incidents of dating/domestic violence in which there is visible injury cause by a dating domestic partner**

HOW TO CONTACT THE POLICE		
<i>Emergency:</i>	<i>Non-emergency:</i>	
<b>911</b>	Millersville University Police Department, Lebanon House	<b>717-871-4357</b>
<b>911</b>	Millersville Borough Police Department	<b>717-872-4658</b>
<b>911</b>	Manor Township Police Department	<b>717-299-5231</b>
<b>911</b>	Lancaster City Police Department	<b>717-735-3300</b>
<b>911</b>	24/7 Lancaster County Non-Emergency Dispatch *dispatch all Lancaster County Police Departments	<b>717-664-1180</b>

## Campus Report

If the alleged perpetrator is a University student, you may file a University complaint by completing the online reporting form on the Judicial Affairs website: [www.millersville.edu/judicialaffairs](http://www.millersville.edu/judicialaffairs) or by contacting the Office of Judicial Affairs by phone: **717-871-5841** or by contacting any university employee to assist you with your report to Judicial Affairs. A University complaint is governed by the University Student Code of Conduct: [www.millersville.edu/services/judicialaffairs/files/StudentCodeofConduct-pdf](http://www.millersville.edu/services/judicialaffairs/files/StudentCodeofConduct-pdf). You may seek either “formal” or “informal” resolution; the standard of proof is “a preponderance of the evidence;” and potential sanctions may include suspension or expulsion.

**Students making a report have the right to be considered for amnesty of other Code of Conduct violations when reporting a dating/domestic violence and stalking incident.** A full listing of student rights can be found in the Student Code of Conduct.

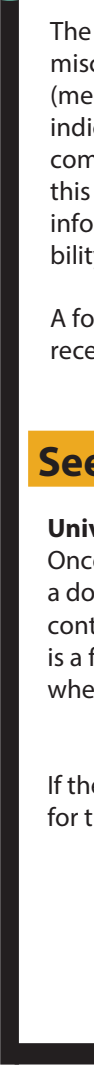

Complaints of this nature against faculty or staff are handled by the Office of Human Resources: [www.millersville.edu/hr](http://www.millersville.edu/hr)

## Anonymous Compliant

You may file an anonymous complaint through Judicial Affairs online: [www.millersville.edu/judicialaffairs](http://www.millersville.edu/judicialaffairs). However, filling out a complaint anonymously limits Judicial Affairs staff in offering support services and their ability to investigate and respond to the incident.

## Title IX

Millersville University is committed to supporting survivors of sexual assault, student dating violence, stalking and misconduct. We are dedicated to creating a climate that is preventative, safe, supportive and provides due process for ALL students, employees, and visitors. **The University is required by Federal Law under Title IX to investigate allegations of Sexual Misconduct.** The University uses the term “sexual misconduct” as any type of sexual contact or conduct that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient and includes violations of sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and sexual exploitation/exposure. Definitions, including what consent is, can be found on the Sexual Violence Webpage.



The University will maintain your privacy and offer assistance and support without disclosing unnecessary details of the misconduct. Confidentiality, however, can be afforded by the resources within this publication listed as confidential (medical, counseling, hotline numbers, in addition to personal attorneys and clergy). In some circumstances, such as a report indicating a repeat offender, the University may have an obligation to proceed with an investigation, regardless of a complainant's wishes, in order to ensure campus safety. You are not required to participate if you choose not to; however, this may limit the University's ability to respond to the Incident. If you request that your name or other identifying information not be used in an investigation, the University will consider your request in light of the context of its responsibility to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment.

A follow up contact will be made by the Title IX Coordinator or a deputy Title IX Coordinator as soon as possible after receiving a report, usually within two working days. Title IX Coordinator: Mr. Robert Wood, 717-871-4100

## Seeking Protective Services

### University Protective Services

Once notified of the assault, if both parties involved are students, Judicial Affairs will typically impose a "no-contact order," a document that orders parties to refrain from having in-person or electronic contact with each other. Violation of the no-contact order is enforceable through the University's Code of Conduct, and the order may be issued whether or not there is a formal complaint filed. In addition, Judicial Affairs may assist with room changes or emergency relocation options when the parties live in close proximity or have classes or other activities in common.

If the offending party is not a student, Judicial Affairs will request the University Police Chief impose a "No Contact Order" for the offender, limiting privileges to campus.

### CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE NUMBERS TO CALL

YWCA Sexual Assault Prevention and Counseling Center 717-392-7273

Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster 717-299-1249

Crisis Intervention of Lancaster County 717-394-2631