



## Sexual Violence Response Policy

The State University of New York and SUNY Erie Community College want you to get the information and the support that you need regardless of whether you would like to move forward with a report of sexual violence to campus officials or to the police. You may want to talk with someone about something you observed or experienced, even if you are not sure that the behavior constitutes sexual violence. Victims/survivors shall have the right to pursue more than one of the options below at the same time, or choose not to participate in any of the options below:

### **Medical Assistance:**

You may have injuries that aren't evident yet. Get medical attention immediately. Even if you have no physical injuries, immediate medical care is important to reduce the risks of pregnancy or sexually transmitted infections. You do not have to press charges to seek medical attention.

1. ECMC Emer. Room (716)859-5600. Available 24/7
2. For ambulatory response, call 911 or Campus Safety (716)851-1133

<b>Health Services</b>	<b>City-Post</b>	<b>Rm. 228</b>	<b>(716)851-1199</b>
<b>Health Services</b>	<b>North- Bldg. S</b>	<b>Rm. 152</b>	<b>(716)851-1499</b>
<b>Health Services</b>	<b>South- Bldg. 5</b>	<b>Rm. 5109</b>	<b>(716)270-5355</b>

**Preserve evidence: *Do not shower/bathe. Do not launder clothing or bedding. Do not throw away evidence. To collect evidence, ask the hospital to conduct a rape kit exam. If you suspect you have been drugged, ask for a urine sample to be collected.***

### **Support and Services:**

At SUNY Erie, there is support here and in the community to assist you as you weigh your options. Healing from a sexual assault takes time. There are counselors in the Student Support Services Center who are here to assist you during this difficult time and provide referrals upon request. [www.ecc.edu/studentLife/supportservices/counseling](http://www.ecc.edu/studentLife/supportservices/counseling)

<b>Student Support Service Center</b>	<b>City, 45 Oak Street</b>	<b>Room O102</b>	<b>(716)851-1188</b>
<b>Student Support Services Center</b>	<b>North- Student Services Building</b>	<b>Room: S 152</b>	<b>(716)851-1488</b>
<b>Student Support Services Center</b>	<b>South- Building 5</b>	<b>Room: 5214</b>	<b>(716)851-1688</b>

**Crises Services;** Crises Services (716)834-3131  
 SUNY Erie co-location North Campus, Building K, Room 151A  
<http://crisisservices.org/content/>



**Additional assistance options are readily available by the following providers:**

1. **Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence** and are presented in several languages by visiting their website <http://www.opdv.ny.gov/help/index.html>. You may also call at (1-800-942-6906).
2. **CDC (Center for Disease Control)** on their website: <http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/sexualviolence/index.html>
3. **New York Office of Victim Assistance** can assist innocent victims of crime for their out-of-pocket losses associated with the crime. **The number to call is 1-800-247-8035.**  
[www.ovs.ny.gov/helpforcrimevictims.html](http://www.ovs.ny.gov/helpforcrimevictims.html)
4. **New York State Police Campus Sexual Assault Victims Unit:** Provides support and assistance to students, faculty, local police, campus police, and victim advocates. (716) 239-0298/ Hotline: 844-845-7269  
[Thomas.Gibbons@troopers.ny.gov](mailto:Thomas.Gibbons@troopers.ny.gov)

**Reporting Options:**

Individuals who are confidential employees will not report crimes to law enforcement or to college officials without your permission, except for extreme circumstances, such as a health and safety emergency. At SUNY Erie, this includes,

<b>Health Office</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Post, Rm 228</b>	<b>(716)851-1199</b>
<b>Health Office</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>Bldg. S, Rm. S152B</b>	<b>(716)851-1499</b>
<b>Health Office</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Bldg. 5, Rm. 5109</b>	<b>(716)851-1699</b>

**Crisis Services:** Crisis Services is a confidential resource and is not an employee of SUNY Erie Community College. This means that they will generally maintain confidentiality unless you request disclosure and sign a consent form. More information on their policies can be found directly from the agency. <http://crisisservices.org/content/>.

Employees of SUNY Erie Community College are considered to be responsible employees. That means that a student can go to any faculty or staff member if they have experienced sexual violence. As such, that employee has an obligation to report the incident to the college's Chief Equity and Diversity Officer/Title IX Coordinator.

**These individuals will report the nature, time, and general location of an incident to SUNY Erie's Chief Diversity Officer/ Title IX Coordinator. Identifying information such as name will also be included but every effort will be taken to protect the student's privacy. These resources are not considered confidential resources as described above.**



### **Complaint and Adjudication Options:**

**You have the right to pursue criminal charges through the appropriate police agency. (for all individuals). Assistance is also available from the following entities:**

- 1. SUNY Erie, Campus Safety Department (716)851-1133**
- 2. Buffalo Police Department, B District (716)853-2222**
- 3. New York State Police, Troop A (716)759-6831**

**Note: An order of Protection may be obtained through the Criminal Court system once formal criminal charges have been filed through a law enforcement agency.**

**Campus Judicial/Code of Conduct Charges are available through the Dean of Students offices if the accused is an SUNY Erie student.**

<b>Dean of Students</b>	<b>City - Post</b>	<b>Rm. 167</b>	<b>(716)851-1120</b>
<b>Dean of Students</b>	<b>North - Bldg. G</b>	<b>Rm. 157</b>	<b>(716)851-1420</b>
<b>Dean of Students</b>	<b>South - Bldg. 5</b>	<b>Rm. 5212</b>	<b>(716)851-1620</b>

- Title IX Complaint (e.g. sexual violence, harassment) is available through the Title IX Coordinator/Chief Diversity Officer (716)851-1118. (For all individuals including third party reporters). This office will discuss individuals' rights, academic support options, etc.**

**SUNY Erie will not wait for the conclusion of the criminal investigation or criminal proceeding to begin its own sex discrimination investigation, and if needed, will take immediate steps to protect the victim in the educational setting. (I.e. classroom section change if available, etc.)**

**Human Resource Referrals (716)851-1840 (if accused is a SUNY Erie employee)**

**When the accused is an employee, a victim/survivor may also report the incident to the Office of Human Resources or may request that one of the above mentioned employees can assist in reporting the incident to Human Resources. Disciplinary proceedings will be conducted in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements.**

**You may withdraw your complaint or involvement from SUNY Erie at any time. Should complaint/adjudication options be declined, victims can still make an anonymous report to the Campus Safety Department, Dean of Students, and the Office of Equity and Diversity.**

**You have the right to make a report to campus safety, local law enforcement, and/or state police or choose not to report; to report the incident to your institution; to be protected by the institution from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from your institution.**

**If Someone You Know has been Sexually Assaulted:**



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Believe them. Listen, be there, support them, and do not be judgemental. Inform them of their options but remember that it is their decision. Be patient. Remember, an assault takes time to process and heal. Let them know that professional help is available. It is not uncommon to experience feelings of shock, disbelief, anger, irritability, depression, embarrassment, and the inability to concentrate or relax.