Stalking, Sexual Misconduct, & Intimate Partner Violence On Campus

What every student should know...

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CONFIDENTIAL/PRIVATE:
Director of Sexual Violence Prevention & Advocacy/Think S.A.F.E. Project (860) 439-2219
Student Counseling Services (860) 439-4587
Student Health Services (860) 439-2275
Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life/Chaplains (860) 439-2450

OTHER ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES:
Title IX Coordinator (860) 439-2103
Senior Associate Dean of Student Life/Deputy Title IX Coordinator (860) 439-2825
Residential Education And Living (860) 439-2834
Housefellows/Floor Governors

Campus Safety
Emergencies x111
Non-Emergencies (860) 439-2222
Campus Safety personnel are here to help - they can contact the Dir. of Sexual Violence Prevention & Advocacy, the Administrator On-Call, New London/Waterford police, or medical personnel.

OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES:
Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern CT 24 Hour Hotline 1-888-999-5545
Safe Futures 24 Hour Hotline 1-860-701-6001
Lawrence and Memorial Hospital (860) 442-0711 (ask for the Emergency Room)
New London Police Department Emergencies 911 Non-Emergencies (860) 447-5269
Waterford Police Department (860) 447-1456
RAINN National Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE

Important Phone Numbers

Policies in Brief

Acts of sexual misconduct may be committed by any person upon any other person, regardless of the sex, gender, sexual orientation and/or gender identity of those involved.

The Sexual Misconduct Policy encompasses:
1. Sexual Harassment
2. Non-consensual Sexual Intercourse
3. Non-consensual Sexual Contact
4. Sexual Exploitation

CONSENT:
Consent is knowing, voluntary and clear permission by word or action, to engage in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Since individuals may experience the same interaction in different ways, it is the responsibility of each party to make certain that the other has consented before engaging in the activity. For consent to be valid, there must be a clear expression in words or actions that the other individual consented to that specific sexual conduct.

Intimate Partner Violence occurs between students who are currently in or who have been in a past intimate or romantic relationship. Such relationships may also be referred to a dating or domestic violence. IPV is defined as any kind of unwanted physical, emotional, verbal or psychological behaviors that occur in an intimate relationship.

Stalking is defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Please refer to the Student Handbook on CamelWeb for full definitions and examples of such conduct.

The Think S.A.F.E. Project envisions a safe campus climate that is free of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. To that end, our mission is to partner with campus members and community agencies to foster individual and collective action to end sexual and relationship violence by:

1. Promoting a greater awareness and consciousness regarding sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking;
2. Providing violence prevention education and intervention strategies to the campus community;
3. Fostering a safe environment where survivors are empowered to access resources; and
4. Providing advocacy and support to survivors and their allies through a coordinated community response effort.

Think S.A.F.E. is an intentional collaboration with faculty, staff, students and community partners to foster an environment that truly engages students to act with integrity, civility, and the utmost respect for the dignity of all human beings as inspired by the Connecticut College Honor Code.

For the complete Sexual Misconduct Policy, please refer to the Student Handbook which is available on CamelWeb or in the Office of Student Life.

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CRISIS SUPPORT & COUNSELING

Whether you are seeking support immediately after an incident or sometime later, there are several options available to you. The Director of Sexual Violence Prevention & Advocacy provides services such as support, safety planning, and assistance with accommodations (i.e. housing, academic, facility access, no contact orders), medical, and conduct and legal advocacy. The Student Counseling Services works with students on a short or long-term basis to promote the emotional and psychological healing & growth. Student Health Services and/or L&M Hospital can assist students with any medical care they might need. Sexual Assault Crisis Services of Eastern CT provides crisis intervention services 24 hours a day. For contact information, please see ‘Important Phone Numbers.’

REPORTING

You have the choice to report any crime to local law enforcement and/or the Office of Student Life. Reporting to the New London Police Dept:

This is the option for students who would like to report the assault and possibly initiate a criminal investigation by calling the New London Police Dept. at (860) 447-5269. Legal options can be discussed with the New London State’s Attorney’s Office at (860) 443-8444.

Reporting to the Office of Student Life:

Formal complaints of sexual misconduct, stalking, and/or intimate partner violence are filed through the Associate Dean of Student Life. The complaint will be addressed through the Title IX Investigation process. There is no limitation to when complaints may be submitted.

Important Information

MEDICAL EXAM:

Students are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention and support, regardless of when the incident occurred, in order to be:

- treated for any injuries,
- given prophylactic antibiotics,
- offered emergency contraception (EC).

Physical evidence from a sexual assault must be collected within 120 hours of the assault. It is important that you do not wash yourself or your clothing before an examination (try to remember to bring a change of clothes with you). You are strongly encouraged to bring an advocate with you (see ‘Important Phone Numbers’). Health Services (during business hours) or the Director of Sexual Violence Prevention & Advocacy/Administrator On-Call (after hours) can provide support and arrange for transportation to L&M Hospital in New London.

PLEASE NOTE: You DO NOT have to press charges to have a sexual assault examination completed. The state will hold the evidence for up to 60 days while you decide if you would like to make a formal report to the Police Department.

For more information, please visit: www.jud.ct.gov/Publications/vs030.pdf

Sexual Assault Examinations are paid for by the State of Connecticut. Any additional medical needs, can be submitted to the Office of Victim Services (OVS).

For more information, call OVS at 1-800-822-8428.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS:

An individual does not avoid or mitigate responsibility because s/he was under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. If someone is incapacitated they can NOT legally give consent. If you are underage, you will not get in trouble if you report a sexual assault that happened while you were drinking.

In accordance with the Connecticut College Honor Code, you have the right to be treated with integrity, civility, and the utmost respect for the dignity of all human beings.

Please remember… This experience was NOT your fault. Reach out for support because you are not alone.

Who Can I Call On Nights and Weekends?

If you need assistance, the Director of Sexual Violence Prevention & Advocacy is on-call throughout the academic year. She can be reached through Campus Safety or the Administrator On-Call, who is a professional staff person from the Offices of Student Life available after business hours, Monday-Friday, 5pm-8:30am and on weekends and holidays.

You can contact Campus Safety directly at x2222 or your Housefellow or Floor Governors can assist you. Off campus options for nights and weekends are also available (see ‘Important Phone Numbers’).

Follow-up Response Options

Reporting options are not exclusive and there is support in place to assist with any decision a student makes. The Director of Sexual Violence Prevention & Advocacy facilitates the Connecticut College Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) to ensure a level of confidence and personal relationship with our community partners. The Director can also provide guidance regarding reporting options, including being a support person throughout the process.

The Clery Act

For the purposes of Title IX, sexual assault is considered a form of sexual harassment where the Office of Civil Rights guidelines require that once an institution has received notice of the possible sexual harassment of a student, it should take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate what occurred, and if such is found to be the case, and take prompt and effective action to end the harassment and take steps to remedy the effects and prevent its reoccurrence. This course of action is the institution’s responsibility whether or not the student who was harassed makes a formal complaint or otherwise asks the school to take action. For more information, please see the Student Handbook.

Title IX

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