

Vanderbilt University Sexual Assault Support and Resource Information

Vanderbilt University seeks to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students. We take reports of sexual assault seriously, and how we respond depends on, among other things, the facts and circumstances of the specific incident, the wishes of the victim, to whom it was reported, and the University’s obligations under applicable federal and state laws. The policies governing our investigative and accountability processes may be found in Chapter 7 of the Student Handbook, available at www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook. Regardless of whether a formal complaint is filed, we offer support and a number of resources for students impacted by sexual assault. Information about support services and resources is outlined in more detail below and can also be found at www.vanderbilt.edu/projectsafe. Project Safe serves as the central resource for those impacted by power-based personal violence and can assist with navigating all facets of the University’s resource and support network and other processes; however, there are multiple points of entry that may be utilized by a victim or survivor, and appropriate referrals and assistance will be provided by other offices and departments, as needed.

	Resource Information & Support	Obtaining Counseling	Seeking Interim Accommodations*	Filing a Formal Complaint*	Confidentiality Level*
Project Safe (615) 322-7233	Yes	Assists	Assists	Assists	Private
Psychological & Counseling Center (615) 322-2571	Yes	Yes	Assists	No	Confidential
Student Health Center (615) 322-2427	Yes	Refers	Assists	No	Confidential
Chaplain & Religious Life (615) 322-2547	Yes	Yes	Assists	Assists	Confidential (when acting as clergy)
VUPD (615) 322-2745 (615) 421-1911 (Emergency)	Refers	Refers	Refers	Yes	Not Confidential
VUPD Victim Services (615) 322-7846	Yes	Refers	Refers	Assists	Not Confidential
EAD/ Title IX Coordinator (615) 322-4705	No	No	Refers	Yes	Private
Student Accountability (615) 322-7868	Refers	Refers	Yes	Yes	Private
Housing & Res. Education (615) 322-2591	Assists	Refers	Assists	Refers	Private

***SEEKING INTERIM ACCOMMODATIONS:** Some examples of interim accommodations include issuing a directive to desist or stay away order, adjusting course schedules, and reorganizing housing assignments.

***FILING A FORMAL COMPLAINT:** Filing a formal complaint with VUPD may lead to a criminal investigation and prosecution by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. Filing a formal complaint with the University will lead to an investigation and may result in disciplinary outcomes. A student may file a formal complaint with VUPD, the University, or both, and the criminal and University processes may occur simultaneously.

***CONFIDENTIALITY LEVEL**

CONFIDENTIAL: Conversations are confidential. Except in rare and extreme circumstances, nothing will be shared without your explicit permission.

PRIVATE: Conversations are kept private to the extent possible, but information about incidents of sexual misconduct must be shared with relevant administrators and a Title IX coordinator so that we can take action, if necessary, for reasons of safety. In planning any response, the wishes of the victim are given full consideration.

NOT CONFIDENTIAL: Police reports are maintained at the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Central Records Division, and subject to provisions of the Tennessee Open Records Act. As long as the investigation is open and ongoing, reports are not released.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a sexual assault, you can call the 24-hour Project Safe Hotline at 615-322-SAFE (7233) or the Vanderbilt University Police Department Emergency Line at 911 or 421-1911.