

SAY NO TO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW
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WHO CAN HELP?

Sexual Assault Resource Team (S.A.R.T.)

(305) 798-6666

24 hours a day, 7 days per week during the academic year.

Trained volunteers provide telephone counseling, information, and in-person support on campus or at the Rape Treatment Center. They can answer your questions about any of the resources listed here, help you decide what to do next, and listen to your concerns. You can remain anonymous if you wish.

UM Police Department

(305) 284-6666

5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

To report an assault that occurred on campus, call UMPD. They can also be reached immediately from any blue light phone on campus. UM police are members of the Coral Gables Police Department. If you prefer to have a female respond to your call they will try to accommodate you. Individuals who choose to report to the police are not required to press charges criminally.

Rape Treatment Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital

(305) 585-5185 or the Hotline-(305)585-7273 (Call for directions)

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Physicians, nurses and counselors provide care, counseling, and provide rape exams free of charge. The rape exam involves treating your injuries, preventing pregnancy, and collecting evidence of the assault. You do not have to use the evidence unless you choose to pursue legal action. But if you ever decide to make a police report, the rape exam is a central component.

UM Counseling Center

(305) 284-5511

Building 21-R

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Psychologists, social workers, mental health counselors, and pre-doctoral interns can provide either brief or ongoing counseling, free of charge. Call for an appointment. Emergencies are seen the same day. All visits are confidential.

UM Student Health Center

(305) 284-5927

Stanford Drive across from the Pavia Parking Garage

M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants can treat injuries or possible sexually transmitted diseases, provide pregnancy prevention and birth control information, and provide any needed follow up medical care. The Health Center cannot collect evidence nor do a formal rape exam. Therefore, we strongly advise that you go to the Rape Treatment Center first if you were assaulted within the past 72 hours.

All Members of the Clergy are also available for confidential counseling services.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED?

If you are in a life-threatening situation, call 911 immediately. The police can provide protection from the assailant and can collect evidence and testimony for criminal charges.

Get to a safe place.

Avoid washing, showering, douching, brushing your teeth, or changing your clothes. This could be difficult, but if you wash you may destroy evidence that will be needed for a criminal prosecution.

Call someone. No matter how late it is, you should not be alone. You can always contact the SART for confidential support. Reach out to friends and family who can stay with you.

Seek medical attention. You are urged to seek medical attention within 72 hours of a sexual assault (however, if you are experiencing medical discomfort, always seek treatment even if 72 hours has passed). Jackson Memorial Hospital in downtown Miami provides comprehensive support specifically for survivors of sexual assault. Take the clothes that you were wearing at the time of the assault to the hospital in a paper bag and also bring a change of clothes. The gathering of evidence does not commit you to pursuing a complaint or prosecuting the assailant.

Consider whether you wish to file a police report to pursue criminal charges and/or a complaint against your assailant under the University's Title IX policies and procedures (see below.)

HOW CAN YOU HELP A FRIEND?

If you believe that a friend is at risk of being assaulted:

Say something if you see a situation that looks wrong.

Report the situation to someone in control (such as a party host or bartender) or call school authorities or the police.

Intervene if someone seems to be making sexual advances on someone who has had too much to drink.

Distract the harasser or offer support to your friend by offering to remove them from the difficult situation.

For more information on how you as a bystander can prevent sexual assault, see <http://www.myduty.mil/index.php/prevention/active-bystander>

If your friend has been sexually assaulted:

Believe unconditionally. Be sure your friend knows how much you support her or him.

Let the survivor control the situation. Let your friend determine the pace of healing. Help your friend understand the options available.

Assure your friend that it was not her or his fault. Avoid blaming questions and judgmental phrases such as "Why didn't you scream?" Avoid searching for things your friend should have done.

Show you want to listen. A friend may confide in you ten minutes or ten years after the assault. At that time, it doesn't matter so much what you say but how well you listen.

Encourage your friend to get medical attention as soon as possible. You can assist your friend in reaching out to the resources in this brochure, such as helping to call SART, or driving them to the Rape Treatment Center.

Don't be afraid to ask for outside help. Your friend may need medical attention or counseling. Offer to help your friend access outside services.

TITLE IX

No person in the University of Miami may be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination or harassment under any educational or employment program or activity on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, veterans status, or national origin. This includes all forms of sexual harassment, sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Retaliatory actions against any person who has, in good faith, reported a potential violation or any person (other than the complainant) who has participated in a subsequent investigation is also prohibited.

Janet Stearns, Dean of Students, serves as one of the University's Deputy Title IX Coordinator for the School of Law. You may contact her to discuss concerns relating to your own personal situation or that of a friend. She can work with you to begin a complaint through the Title IX policy (below) in instances where the harasser may be a student, faculty member, administrator or employee of the University of Miami. As the Deputy Title IX Coordinator, the Dean of Students may, in certain circumstances, have an obligation to proceed with an investigation once the matter is brought to her attention. The Dean of Students also has reporting responsibilities pursuant to the Federal Clery Act and while your name will not be disclosed without your permission, the fact that an incident has occurred may need to be reported to UMPD.

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KEY WEBSITES

University of Miami School of Law Policy on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault and Retaliation
<http://www.law.miami.edu/current-students/pdf/2013/um-sexual-harassment-policy.pdf>

University of Miami Title IX Policy
http://www.miami.edu/index.php/wep/title_ix/

You Are Not Alone (an official website of the United States Government)
<http://www.notalone.gov/>