



Rights & Reporting Options

Montana State University's Title IX Coordinator has received a report that you may have experienced dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, that occurred on or off campus. This document will provide you with information about your rights and options including:

1. Steps you can take after experiencing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
2. Supportive measures and other resources at the University and in the community; and
3. An explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action.

1. Steps you can take after experiencing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Your safety is important. What happened was not your fault. The following are options you can consider.

Report to the University Title IX Coordinator:

Reports of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Title IX Coordinator may be made in several ways:

- **Call** 406-994-2042 and leave a private voice message.
- **Email:** OIE@montana.edu
- **Online reporting:** https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?MontanaStateUniv&layout_id=9
- **Visit:** <http://www.montana.edu/equity/>

OIE is not a confidential resource. Nevertheless, the Title IX Coordinator will make every effort to respect and safeguard the privacy of the individuals involved.

The University can provide supportive and resources regardless of whether you choose to file a Formal Complaint or report the crime to the police.

Amnesty

Students who report information about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking involving themselves or other students will not be disciplined for any violation of the University's drug or alcohol possession or consumption policies in which they might have engaged in connection with the reported incident.

Make a Police Report:

You have the option to notify law enforcement. Contacting police will be confidential and does not require that you file a report or pursue criminal charges against the offender. It is your choice whether to make such a report. Furthermore, you have the right to decline to notify law enforcement. However, the Voice Center or the Title IX Coordinator will assist you with notifying law enforcement if you wish.

MSU Police Department

7th Avenue and Kagy Boulevard
Emergencies: 911



Non-emergencies: 406-994-2121
<http://www.montana.edu/police/>

Bozeman Police Department

615 S 16th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59715
Emergencies: 911
406-582-2000
<https://www.bozeman.net/government/police>

Gallatin County Sheriff

615 S 16th Ave
Emergencies: 911
Non-Emergencies: 406-582-2100
<https://gallatincomt.virtualtownhall.net/sheriffs-office>

Seek Support from Confidential or Non-Confidential Resources:

On-Campus Resources	Services Available	Service Provider	Contact Information
Counseling	Mental health Practitioners who specialize in college mental health and provide services to MSU students	Counseling and Psychological Services	2nd Floor Swingle Building 406-994-4531 https://www.montana.edu/counseling/
Student Medical Services	Acute and ongoing health care for current MSU Students. This includes STI/STD Testing, Pregnancy Tests. Forensic Exams can be done at Bozeman Deaconess	University Health Partners- Medical Services	100 Swingle Building 7th & Grant East of the SUB 406-994-2311 https://www.montana.edu/health/medicalservices/
Victim Advocacy	Free and Confidential Services and Information for all people impacted by Sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and harassment	MSU Voice Center	SUB room 370 406-994-7662 MSUVOICEcenter@montana.edu 24-hr Support: Call or Text 406-994-7069 http://www.montana.edu/oha/voice/
Legal Assistance	Legal services provided to students	ASMSU Legal Services	ASMSU front desk in SUB 221 406-994-2933 https://asmsulegalservices.org/
Visa and Immigration Assistance	Provide support to International students and Scholars	International Student and Scholar services	Strand Union Building room 183 406-994-4031 Internationaladvising@montana.edu http://www.montana.edu/international/iss/
Student Financial Aid	Providing information on ways to pay for education	Office of Financial Aid Services	Montana Hall Room 21 406-994-2845 finaid@montana.edu https://www.montana.edu/financialaid/



Off-Campus Resources	Services Available	Service Provider	Contact Information
Counseling	Mental Health Care Provider Directory	The Help Center	421 E. Peach Street Bozeman MT 59715 406-586-3333 info@bozemanhelpcenter.org https://www.bozemanhelpcenter.org/contact.html
Mental Health	Immediate Crisis	Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1-800-273-8255 Or Text 'mt' to the number 741-741
Victim Advocacy	Providing confidential support, legal advocacy, counseling, and a safe place to stay	Haven	406-586-7689 info@haventmt.org https://havenmontana.squarespace.com/haven-homepage 24hr/day support line 406-586-4111
Legal Assistance	Legal services	Montana Legal Services Association	https://www.mtlsa.org/ 1-800-666-899
Gallatin County Resources	Various resources for the County		https://gallatincomt.virtualtownhall.net/
Forensic Exams and Emergency Services	Emergency Services and SANE or Forensic Kits. *Call ahead for a Forensic Kit. Let them know you are on your way	Bozeman Deaconess Emergency Room	915 Highland Blvd, Bozeman MT 59715 406-414-1000 https://www.bozemanhealth.org/

Additional resources are available on the Office of Institutional website at <http://www.montana.edu/equity/>

Seek Medical Attention:

After an incident of sexual assault, dating violence, or domestic violence, you should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible to treat any injury, get screened for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy or to seek the medical collection of evidence.

Preserve Evidence:

Evidence may assist in proving a criminal offense occurred, a campus policy was violated, or may be helpful in obtaining an Order of Protection. Evidence can include pictures of injuries, social media posts, text messages, emails, or other photographs.

In cases of sexual assault, medical forensic evidence may be collected within 120 hours of the assault by specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). In Bozeman you can get a SANE exam at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. You may request an exam and forensic evidence collection at no cost and without having to file a police report. In the state of Montana, evidence may be collected and held for a year even if you choose not to make a report to law enforcement.

Things to keep in mind prior to an examination by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner:

- If possible, it is best not to use the bathroom, shower, change clothing, brush hair, smoke, brush teeth or clean up the area where the assault occurred; this can help to preserve the perpetrator's DNA.
- If you do change clothes, put all clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault in a paper bag (no plastic bags).



2. Resources available at the University and in the Community

Orders of Protection

An Order of Protection is a civil court order that is designed to stop violent and harassing behavior by placing limits on the conduct of and contact from the abuser. The University cannot apply to the Court system for an Order of Protection. Individuals seeking an Order of Protection must apply directly for these services themselves. They can receive aid from the Haven Legal Advocacy, <https://havenmt.org/emergency#legal-advocacy> 406-582-2038 or advocate1@havenmt.org

A person may meet with the Title IX Coordinator, University Police and The Voice Center before or after obtaining an Order of Protection to develop a Safety Plan. Any individual who already has or obtains a court Order for Protection should provide a copy of the Order to Office of Institutional Equity MSU and The University Police Department. Police can enforce a court Order for Protection on University property and may be able to arrest a person for violating it.

Trespass Notice

University Law Enforcement may, if deemed appropriate, issue a campus Trespass Notice to keep a person from entering or remaining on the university campus, in specific university buildings or at University sanctioned events. This can be done through the University Police Department.

No Contact Directives

The Title IX Coordinator may issue an institutional No Contact Directive between individuals if deemed appropriate. The No Contact Directive is a warning to individuals not to contact each other in any manner on or off campus.

Supportive and Protective Measures

Supportive and Protective measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services or tools offered without fee or charge to a Complainant or Respondent. The University will provide interim supportive measures regardless of whether you choose to report to the police or start a formal University investigation.

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating Supportive and Protective measures

Supportive and Protective measures may include extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, changes in work or housing locations, or leaves of absence.

To request a Supportive or Protective measure, please contact the Office of Institutional.

3. An explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action.

Steps in University Disciplinary Process

The University has a policy called the Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policy that prohibits, among other forms of discrimination and harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and retaliation. This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors while engaged in activities directly related to the nature of their University affiliation. Violations of this policy will be addressed through the Discrimination Grievance Procedures.

The full procedures are available <http://www.montana.edu/equity/policies/grievanceprocedures.html>



Title IX Coordinator Response to Receiving a Report

When the Title IX Coordinator receives a report that a person may have experienced dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the Title IX Coordinator will contact that person by email to discuss options including potential supportive measures.

Questions? Contact the Title IX Coordinator

The Title IX Coordinator will listen to you, will answer any questions you have about the campus disciplinary process, and will work to connect you to the resources you express that you need to access your education or campus work environment.