

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

GLOBAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

If you have been affected by sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, and/or stalking, you are not alone. There are resources available to you.

Regardless of where an incident of sexual violence occurred, students have the option to:

- **Report or not report** the incident to the police and/or the Office for University Equity & Compliance (Title IX).
- Request a **No Contact Order**, which prohibits university members from direct and indirect communication.
- Discuss options for a **judicial restraining order or harassment prevention order** through an off-campus district court, and/or pursue criminal charges.
- Seek a temporary **safe room** or other **housing accommodations**.
- Request **transportation** to local hospitals or area courts.
- Explore options for **academic support**, schedule changes, and/or other academic remedies.
- Explore the option of **emergency or medical leave**, if appropriate.
- Seek **confidential services** such as medical care, counseling, and/or support through OPEN's Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Confidential Support at Northeastern

Most Northeastern faculty and staff are considered "Mandatory University Reporters," meaning that they must notify the Office for University Equity & Compliance (OUEC) if they are made aware of an incident of sexual violence. The following offices are confidential and do not have this reporting obligation:

- Office of Prevention & Education at Northeastern (includes OPEN's Sexual Violence Resource Center)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (Oakland)
- University Health & Counseling Services (Boston)
- Find@Northeastern
- Spiritual Advisors in the Center for Spirituality, Dialogue & Service

OPEN's Sexual Violence Resource Center

OPEN's Sexual Violence Resource Center (SVRC) provides **free, confidential, trauma-informed support services** to Northeastern students who have experienced any form of sexual violence, whether recently or in the past, regardless of location. SVRC staff work with students to understand their rights and resources, and support survivors in making the best choices for them going forward.

SVRC services are available virtually and by appointment. To schedule a meeting, fill out the confidential service request form using your Northeastern login:

bit.ly/svrequestform



Find@Northeastern offers free, 24/7, confidential mental health support to all full-time, degree-seeking Northeastern students. Students can connect with Find by calling:

877.233.9477 (U.S.)

855.229.8797 (Canada)

+1.781.457.7777 (International)

When you call Find, you will immediately be connected with an experienced clinician who will listen and talk through your presenting concerns and make recommendations for ongoing care. **The clinician can help connect you with free, unlimited counseling sessions in the community.**

Local hospitals provide 24/7 services, including medical assessment and treatment, emergency contraception, STI screening and prevention, and/or forensic evidence collection.

It is important to know that some medical care after sexual violence is time sensitive:

- Emergency contraception - up to 5 days
- HIV prophylaxis - within 3 days
- Toxicology screen - within 4 days
- Forensic evidence collection - within 5 days

To learn more about hospitals that provide SANE services near you, visit OPEN's sexual violence resource web page: **bit.ly/sv-resources**

Reporting Options

Northeastern students can file a report by going to one of the following offices:

1 Office for University Equity & Compliance (Title IX):

Online Reporting Form:
northeastern.edu/ouec/file-a-complaint/
 Email: ouec@northeastern.edu
 Phone: 617.373.4644

2 Local Police in Your Jurisdiction

- Emergency (US or CAN): 911
- Emergency (UK): 999
- Global Safety Int'l Assistance Line:
 +1.857.214.5332

You can concurrently make a report to the OUEC and to Oakland Police, and you may have the option to have the matter investigated by both offices/departments.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) requires universities that receive federal funding to publish an Annual Security Report (ASR) concerning campus crime statistics, including information about sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking as well as other crimes. Students who wish to report crimes for the purpose of inclusion in the University's ASR can make reports to the Northeastern University Police Department or the OUEC.

Speaking with police does not commit you to further legal action. You can speak to the OUEC to share information and ask questions without automatically being obligated to participate in a University process.

24/7 Support & More Information

- **Talk Suicide Canada:**
 Call 1.833.456.4566
- **Find Canadian sexual assault centres and hotlines by province:**
www.reescommunity.com/resources/
- **Find Canadian domestic violence hotlines by province:** <https://sheltersafe.ca/find-help/>

More information on topics such as stalking, and other safety planning can be found on OPEN's website: **open.studentlife.northeastern.edu**

Learn More: Online Resource Guides



To learn more about your options and resources highlighted on this flyer, view the full **"You Are Not Alone"** online guide book:
bit.ly/YouAreNotAloneGUS



To learn more about common symptoms of trauma and ways to take care of yourself, see OPEN's online guide, **"We Believe You: Information on Trauma and Coping for Survivors of Sexual Violence"**:
bit.ly/WeBelieveYouGuide