

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

OAKLAND

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.
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- Discuss options for a **judicial domestic violence restraining order or a civil harassment order** through an off-campus district court, and/or pursue **criminal charges**.
- Seek a temporary **safe room** or other **housing accommodations**.
- 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 and counseling on or off-campus 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)
- Find@Northeastern
- University Health & Counseling Services (Boston)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (Oakland)
- 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



Emotional Support & Medical Treatment

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

provides free, confidential counseling sessions to students on the Oakland campus. CAPS utilizes a short-term model of therapy to assist students in addressing issues common in a college setting, including concerns related to sexual violence. Staff can also help students identify options for support groups.

Location: Cowell Building

Call to Schedule an Appointment: 510.430.2111

CAPS Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm; for 24/7 support call Find@Northeastern (see below)

Website: bit.ly/OaklandCAPS

Local hospitals provide 24/7 services, including medical assessment and treatment, emergency contraception, STI screening and prevention, and/or forensic evidence collection (also known as a SANE exam or "rape kit").

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

The closest SANE hospital to Northeastern's Oakland campus is Highland Hospital (1411 E 31st St, Oakland, CA 94602).

Reporting Options

Office for University Equity & Compliance (OUEC/Title IX)

Online Reporting Form:

northeastern.edu/ouec/file-a-complaint/

Email: ouec@northeastern.edu

Phone: 617.373.4644

Students interested in pursuing action through the criminal justice system have the right to speak with police in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred. Oakland Police can be reached at 911. OUEC and the Department of Public Safety are available to support you in this process.

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 also 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

- **Department of Public Safety (DPS):** 510.430.5555
- **Find@Northeastern (24/7 Mental Health Support):** 877.233.9477 (U.S.); 855.229.8797 (Canada); +1.781.457.7777 (International)
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN):** 800.656.4673; hotline.rainn.org/online
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1.800.799.7233; Text START to 88788
- **Bay Area Women Against Rape:** 510.800.4247; bawar.org/hotline-faq/

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/YouAreNotAloneOAK



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