

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights

The State University of New York and Downstate Medical Center (Downstate) are committed to providing options, support and assistance to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking to ensure that they can continue to participate in Downstate University-wide and campus programs, activities and employment. All survivors of these crimes and violations, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence status, or criminal conviction, have the following rights, regardless of whether the crime or violation occurs on campus, off campus, or while studying abroad:

The right to:

- Have disclosures of sexual violence treated seriously.
- Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or incident and participate in the conduct or criminal justice process free from outside pressures from college officials.
- Be treated with dignity and to receive from university officials' courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services.
- Be free from any suggestions that the victim/survivor is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such a crime.
- Describe the incident to as few individuals as practicable and not to be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident.
- Be free from retaliation by the University, the accused, and/or their friends, family, and acquaintances.
- Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or conduct process of the University.

Options in brief:

Survivors have many options that can be pursued simultaneously, including one or more of the following:

- Receive resources, such as counseling and medical attention;
- Confidentially or anonymously disclose a crime or a violation (for detailed information on confidentiality and privacy visit downstate.edu/diversity/title-ix.html)

- Make a report to:
 - **The Title IX Coordinator**
718-270-1738
 - **Office of Student Affairs**
718-270-2187
 - **Office of Labor Relations**
718-270-3019
 - **Department of Police and Public Safety**
718-270-2626
 - **Local Law Enforcement - 67th Police Precinct**
718-287-3211
 - **Family Court or Civil Court**
347-401-9610 Family Court
347-404-9123 Civil Court

Copies of this Bill of Rights shall be distributed annually to students, made available on every college's website, and posted in each campus residence hall, dining hall and student union or campus center and shall include links or information to access the Sexual Violence Response Policy and the Options for Confidentially Disclosing Sexual Violence.