WHERE TO GET SUPPORT

Quick Guide for Students

A SAFE PLACE TO START

PATH TO CARE CENTER

CONFLICT

Prevention | Advocacy | Training | Healing

Affirming, empowering, confidential support for those who have experienced sexual harassment, emotional abuse, dating and intimate partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sexual exploitation. Advocates bring a non-judgmental, caring approach to exploring options, rights, accommodations, medical care, and other resources. Advocacy services and consultations are available to all current and former UC Berkeley staff, faculty, students, visitors, anyone who has been impacted by someone affiliated with UC Berkeley, and more.

24/7 Urgent Support Care Line: 510-643-2005
Appointments: 510-642-1988
care.berkeley.edu

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CAMPUS RESOURCES

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (UHS) / TANG CENTER, SOCIAL SERVICES

Free individual and group counseling and consultation for students.

uhs.berkeley.edu/social-services | 510-642-6074
Satellite Office at University Village | 510-520-7031
For after-hours emergency consultation or crisis resource referrals, call 855-817-5667.

THE OMBUDS OFFICE FOR STUDENTS & POSTDOCTORAL APPOINTEES

A confidential, neutral resource for navigating informal and formal options, with the goal of empowering students to make choices that best fit their needs.

sa.berkeley.edu/ombuds | 510-642-5754

STUDENT ADVOCATE’S OFFICE (SAO)

Provides confidential, student-to-student casework services for undergraduate & graduate student survivors; helps survivors understand available resources & options.

advocate.berkeley.edu | 510-642-6912
help@berkeleysao.org

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OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

FAMILY VIOLENCE LAW CENTER (FVLC)

Support and legal assistance for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

24/7 Crisis Line: 800-947-8301 | fvlc.org

BAY AREA WOMEN AGAINST RAPE (BAWAR)

Counseling and hospital, police, and courtroom accompaniment for sexual violence survivors of all genders.

24/7 Hotline (English + Español): 510-345-1056 | bawar.org

Accessible and translated versions of this guide are available at

svsh.berkeley.edu/support/resource-guides

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FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

You have options and can decide what’s next.

This quick guide covers resources for UC Berkeley students (including undergraduate, graduate, professional, online, and visiting) who have experienced harm related to sexual violence and sexual harassment (SVSH) or who are supporting others. Some resources below are designated Confidential, others are offices of record. Survivors do not need to formally report to campus or the police, nor do they have to share anything they do not want to share, to receive confidential support. If you are unsure of where to start or have any questions about confidentiality, contact the PATH to Care Center.
Confidential Resources (see reverse) exist so that survivors can seek support and discuss options without the obligation to report to authorities. According to the UC SVSH Policy, any University employee who is not a Confidential Resource is a Responsible Employee, with a reporting obligation. Responsible Employees include Resident Assistants, GSIs, faculty, and coaches.

Have questions about the UC SVSH Policy or the Responsible Employee reporting obligations? Contact OPHD at 510-643-7985 or ask_ophd@berkeley.edu, or find more information at ophd.berkeley.edu.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Individuals may wish to seek medical care to treat injuries, get tested for exposure to sexually transmitted infections, or preserve forensic evidence. You can call the Care Line to speak with a confidential advocate, who can coordinate transportation to a healthcare facility and accompany you throughout the process to provide support.

Though otherwise confidential, medical staff are required to report to the police any physical evidence of a violent crime observed during a physical exam.

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LOCAL TO CAMPUS

Highland Hospital

Full emergency care; approved site for forensic evidence collection after sexual assault or relationship violence. Evidence collection costs are covered for survivors of sexual and relationship violence.

University Health Services (UHS) / Tang Center Urgent Care

Offers medical care to students regardless of insurance status. Provides treatment for potential injuries and to prevent sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy. UHS is not an approved site to provide forensic evidence collection, however staff can coordinate that service with an approved hospital. Medical costs are covered for student survivors of sexual and relationship violence. For after-hours medical assistance, call UHS Advice Nurse at 510-643-7197.

EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Forensic evidence collection is a police process to collect and preserve possible evidence of a crime, and can only be done at approved sites in the county where the incident occurred. If a survivor of relationship violence or sexual assault is considering pursuing criminal charges, it is best if evidence collection occurs in the first 72 hrs, the earlier the better. For best evidence collection, if possible:

- Leave the area where the harm occurred undisturbed.
- Place each clothing item in a separate paper bag (no plastic).
- Resist urge to shower, bathe, wash hands, eat, drink or brush teeth.

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