If someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted...

Listen to them. A victim of sexual assault needs someone who will listen to what they have to say without blame or judgment. Be supportive, but do not tell them what to do. A person that has been sexually assaulted has had power and control taken from them. The only way they are going to gain that power back is by making decisions for themselves. Make sure they are safe. Ask them if they need medical attention or ask them if they would like to involve law enforcement. Do not immediately call the police. Give them information and encourage them to connect with someone who can review all their options, rights, and resources. Do not investigate on your own. Do not ask questions about what happened, wait for them to share what they are comfortable sharing.

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 prohibits any person in the United States from being discriminated against on the basis of sex in seeking access to any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The U.S. Department of Education, which enforces Title IX, has long defined the meaning of Title IX’s prohibition on sex discrimination broadly to include various forms of sexual harassment and sexual violence that interfere with a student’s ability to equally access educational programs and opportunities.

On May 19, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education issued a Final Rule under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 that:

- Defines the meaning of “sexual harassment” (including forms of sex-based violence) that are reflected in the definitions of Regulatory Quid Pro Quo or Hostile Environment Sexual Harassment, Dating or Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in this Policy
- Addresses how the University must respond to reports of misconduct falling within the definitions of “sexual harassment” under this Policy, and
- Mandates a grievance (or resolution) process the University must follow before issuing a disciplinary sanction against a person accused of “sexual harassment” under this Policy.

In addition to federal legislative requirements, Act 16 of 2019 of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania requires postsecondary institutions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adopt a clear, understandable written policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence that informs victims of their rights under Federal and State law, including the crime victims bill of rights.

Bloomsburg University’s policies and procedures can be found in more detail online at:

www.bloomu.edu/Title_IX
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING OPTIONS

Available Anytime

University or Local Police: Individuals who want to initiate a criminal investigation by the police and seek to press criminal charges against a respondent, should contact the University Police (570-389-2211), dial 911, or contact the police in the area where the incident took place. Criminal charges can be filed against any individual, including non-Bloomsburg University members. Criminal charges are entirely separate from violations of the Student Code of Conduct, which only applies to Bloomsburg University students. Filing a formal report with the police is necessary when a victim would like to initiate a criminal investigation by the police. Anyone who has been sexually assaulted may choose to pursue both criminal prosecution and the university disciplinary/judicial processes. If the incident occurred off-campus, the University Police can assist the victim in filing the complaint in the appropriate jurisdiction.

Electronic and Anonymous Reporting: You may also file a report about sexual misconduct using the appropriate links below. While anonymous reports are accepted, the University’s ability to address misconduct reported anonymously is significantly limited.

Individuals may use this link www.bloomu.edu/Title_IX to electronically file a report of sexual misconduct with the University.

Individuals may also file a report electronically by email to: jraup@bloomu.edu or titlexcoord@bloomu.edu.

Additional off campus reporting options such as Pennsylvania Coalitions Against Rape, PA Human Relations Commission, and more can be found online: www.bloomu.edu/Title_IX

ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

Faculty, Staff, & Students:

Title IX Coordinator
Title IX Coordinator
(jonathan.campbell@bloomu.edu)
(jonathan.campbell@bloomu.edu) 570-389-4808 M-F 8am to 4:30pm
(jonathan.campbell@bloomu.edu) 570-389-4808 M-F 8am to 4:30pm

University Police, Andrus Library
570-389-2211, 24/7

Catholic Campus Ministry,
Newman House, 333 East 2nd St.
Call for hours: 570-784-3123

The Protestant Campus Ministry,
St. Paul’s Church,
570-520-0878

Students Only:

Women’s Resource Center, Schuylkill Hall
570-389-5283

Dean of Students Office, Kehr Union 101
570-389-4734

Student Health Center, Kehr Union 324
570-389-4451, M-F 8am to 6pm

Center for Counseling & Human Development, Warren Student Services 240
570-389-4255, M-F 8am to 4:30pm

All parties affected by sexual misconduct have options in relation to non-disciplinary support services. Student support services could include but are not limited to: no contact order, change in class schedule, work assignment, or housing, or other reasonable accommodations.

For details, locations, and a comprehensive list of more off campus resources please refer to the website: listed above.

OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES

- The Women’s Center, Inc.
  570-784-6631
  24 Hour Hotline 800-544-4293

- Town of Bloomsburg Police Department
  570-784-4155, Emergency Phone: 911

- Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital
  570-387-2111, Hours: 24/7

- Geisinger Medical Center, Danville
  570-271-6211

- Planned Parenthood, Wilkes Barre
  570-824-8921

- Victims Compensation Assistance Program
  800-233-2339 or 717-783-5153

- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
  Hotline: 888-772-7227

- Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) 800-656-4673

www.bloomu.edu/Title_IX

- SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING OPTIONS -

Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Title IX Coordinator, Jennifer Raup
(570) 389-4808, titlexcoord@bloomu.edu

The Title IX Coordinator can provide students, faculty, and staff a comprehensive review of all rights, options, accommodations, and resources available. Individuals may choose a combination or variety of options that best fit their needs.

Or students may also receive the same information and services at:

The Office of the Dean of Students
Kehr Union Building, Room 101; (570) 389-4734

The Women’s Resource Center
Schuylkill Hall; (570) 389-5283

In the event a student cannot reach a staff member listed above, students may also contact University helpline M-F between 8am and 4:30pm (570) 336-4994.

Weekdays After 4:30 & Weekends

Women’s Center Inc. (Town of Bloomsburg), Victim Advocates: 24/7 staff, 1-800-544-8293
Emergency: 911/Police University Police
(570) 389-2211 or
Town Police (570) 784-4155

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