

Report Relationship/Sexual Violence & Sexual Harassment

Eastern Illinois University is committed to providing the safest campus possible for our students, faculty, and staff. Its policies prohibit relationship violence (including sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking) and sexual harassment.

Support Services

Medical Assistance:

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center 217-348-2525
EIU Health Services 217-581-2727

Confidential Counseling:

EIU Counseling Center 217-581-3413 (day)
Life-Links 1-866-567-2400 (after hours; weekend)
HOPE Coalition Against Domestic Violence 217-348-5931
SACIS (Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services) 217-348-5033
RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)
National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Housing Accommodations:

EIU Housing 217-581-5111
HOPE (emergency shelter) 217-348-3827

Other Accommodations & Campus Resources:

Office of Student Standards 217-581-3827
Student Legal Services 217-581-6054
Financial Aid 217-581-6405
Student Accounts 217-581-3715
International Students & Scholars 217-581-2321

Advocacy:

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217-348-5931
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Additional Resources:

www.eiu.edu/sexualassaultresources
EIU Policy on Sexual Assault, Abuse & Misconduct
<http://castle.eiu.edu/auditing/185.php>
EIU Sexual Assault Complaint Policy
http://castle.eiu.edu/auditing/185_1.php
EIU Policy on Sexual Harassment
<http://castle.eiu.edu/auditing/175.php>
EIU Student Code of Conduct
<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>

Reporting Options

You have the right to file a complaint with the police and/or with the university. The complainant controls with & where to file a complaint. (In rare circumstances, the university may be required to proceed without cooperation of the complainant, if failing to do so would put the campus community at risk.)

With Law Enforcement:

University Police Department (UPD) 217-581-3212
Charleston Police Department (CPD) 217-348-5221

With the University:

Office of Civil Rights 217-581-5020
Dr. Shawn Peoples, Interim Director/Title IX Coordinator
1011 Old Main

Office of Student Standards 217-581-3827
Dr. Heather K. Webb, Director/Deputy Title IX
MLK Jr. University Union, Room 1510

No retaliation may be taken against any university student or employee who seeks redress under these policies. The **confidentiality of information** presented by all parties will be observed except in those instances when it interferes with the ability of the university to investigate the complainant's allegations and take necessary corrective actions.

Students are also encouraged to contact Lindsay Wilson, Confidential Advisor, EIU Counseling Center, 217-581-3413, lpwilson@eiu.edu. She is located in the Human Services Building, and she can discuss options for students, provide support and advocacy.

Even if you are unsure that what you are experiencing is relationship violence or sexual assault, please seek assistance. Please see back side for survivor's rights and summary of the University's complaint procedures.

Survivor's Rights

- ✓ right to report or not report the alleged incident to the higher education institution, law enforcement, or both, including information about the survivor's right to privacy and which reporting methods are confidential
- ✓ right to request and receive assistance from campus authorities in notifying law enforcement
- ✓ Ability to request interim protective measures and accommodations, including without limitation reassignment of the accused's academic or living quarters, while a case is pending. The University is authorized to and may restrict or ban individuals from participating in campus activities or from being on campus property.
- ✓ ability to seek an order of protection or no contact order in State court
- ✓ upon the survivor's request, the higher education institution can provide assistance in accessing and navigating campus and local health and mental health services, counseling, and advocacy services

Summary of University's Complaint Resolution Procedures

Student Standards: The Office of Student Standards enforces the requirements of the Student Code of Conduct and, through its board or administratively, issues sanctions for violations of the code including violations of the sexual misconduct provision. The Director is also a Title IX Deputy Coordinator. Once a complaint is received, the Office of Student Standards will collect information and determine whether to proceed administratively or whether to send the matter to a board hearing (the more likely outcome). The board will receive testimony from witnesses and will review applicable evidence or documentation. The board uses the "preponderance of the evidence" standard.

Office of Civil Rights & Diversity: The Office of Civil Rights and Diversity investigates complaints of sexual harassment according to the sexual harassment policy. A single instance of sexual assault can also violate the University's sexual harassment policy. This office reviews and investigates allegations of sexual assault to the extent that such an act would violate the sexual harassment policy and/or Title IX. Once a complaint is received, witnesses are interviewed and evidence is examined. An investigative report with conclusions and recommendations is issued to the appropriate vice president usually within sixty days. This office uses the "preponderance of the evidence" standard. The complainant or the accused person can appeal the findings to the University president.