



Student Sexual Misconduct

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

*Obtaining Information, Support and Assistance,
and Filing a Complaint*

DEFINITION

The Institute uses the term “Sexual Violence/Misconduct” as an umbrella term to include sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, relationship violence, and sexual exploitation. Complete definitions, together with a discussion of what it means to give “effective consent,” can be found on the VOICE Website.

The VOICE website also contains information for parents, partners and friends of victims of Sexual Misconduct.

If you are the victim of sexual violence/misconduct, there are a number of ways to report the incident as well as a wide array of services available to obtain the information, support and assistance you need to ensure your health and safety, both emotional and physical. This publication provides some of that information, although it is by no means comprehensive.

There is more extensive information about all aspects of sexual violence/misconduct, and a more extensive discussion of available resources, on the Institute’s VOICE website: healthinitiatives.gatech.edu/VOICE.

In addition, you can obtain more information about resources and reporting from the Victim-Survivor Advocates by telephone at (404) 385-4451 or (404) 385-4464. Victim-survivor advocates are available and on call 24/7 to assist student’s who have experienced sexual violence in a number of different ways. Please visit the VOICE website to learn more.

1 IMMEDIATELY AFTER INCIDENT

Reporting the incident:

Report sexual violence/misconduct to the police by calling one of the numbers below. You may also report, in person, to any police officer. If you seek medical attention at Grady Hospital (see below), you can ask to report the sexual violence/misconduct at that time as well. Your decision to report to police will not affect your ability to file a complaint through the Institute’s procedures (see below), which are independent of the criminal process. A victim-survivor advocate can accompany you to the police and/or Grady Hospital.



On campus: (404)894-2500

Off campus: 911

Seeking medical attention: You are encouraged to seek medical attention.

You can receive health care (like medications to prevent infections or prevent pregnancy) at any facility. Timely medical evaluation may also be crucial to obtain evidence in criminal or civil procedures. Grady Hospital, however, is the only facility with nurses who are specially trained to collect evidence for victims of sexual assault, and this evidence collection must occur within 120 hours of the assault. The care you receive after a sexual assault is as confidential as any other health care and will not be reported to the police or the Institute unless you want it reported. More information about the sexual assault exam and your options is available at the VOICE website. Non-emergency care may also be received through Stamps Health Services (www.health.gatech.edu).



First 120 hours:

Grady Rape Crisis Center (404)616-4861

After 120 hours:

Stamps Health Services (404)894-1420

Seeking confidential crisis counseling: Need advice?

There are a number of crisis hotlines you may call for confidential advice, support and information in the immediate aftermath of sexual violence/misconduct.



Georgia Tech Counseling Center: (404)894-2575

RAINN: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

2 SEEKING SUPPORT IN THE AFTERMATH

Seeking Emotional Support and Counseling Services: There are extensive sources of support and counseling available at the Institute.

Victim-Survivor Advocate: There is always an “On-Call Advocate” during the day, after hours and on weekends; these advocates are trained in crisis response and can provide immediate information and resources. You are not required to file a formal complaint or disclose the name of the alleged perpetrator in order to receive support services from the Victim-Survivor Advocate.



After-hours: To reach the On-Call Advocate, Dean on-call, or Counseling Center, contact Georgia Tech Police at (404)894-2500 and ask to be put in contact with the respective office. You do not have to disclose the reason you are calling to GTPD, you only need to provide your phone number.

Seeking Protective Services

If the student wishes, the Office of Student Integrity can impose a “no-contact order,”

or GT Police a criminal trespass, a document that orders parties to refrain from having in-person or electronic contact with each other. Violation of the no-contact order is enforceable through the Institutes Code of Conduct, and the order may be issued whether or not there is a formal complaint filed. In addition, the Office of the Dean of Students and the Institute Title IX Coordinator may also assist with academic and housing accommodations. The victim-survivor advocate can assist students on the communication to these offices.

Protective Order: In some cases, you may be able to seek a protective order from a judge. A protective order can be enforced anywhere in the United States, no matter where you obtain it, and its violation can result in criminal charges. The victim-survivor advocate and/or University Police can provide information and support to those interested in filing for a protective order.

A more comprehensive list of resources, including their confidentiality levels, is available at healthinitiatives.gatech.edu/VOICE.

3 REPORTING OPTIONS:

You have several avenues through which to make an official report.

You have three options for filing a report of Sexual Misconduct. You may pursue all or none of these options. You are not required to file a report immediately; however it is important to preserve any evidence of the Sexual Misconduct. Detailed information about your reporting options is available at the VOICE website.

Criminal Process

You may file a criminal complaint by contacting the police. Victim-survivor advocates can provide you with support throughout this process. A criminal complaint is governed by applicable criminal statutes; the standard of proof is “beyond a reasonable doubt;” and potential sanctions include all applicable criminal sanctions, up to and including incarceration.

Institute Complaint

If the alleged perpetrator is a Georgia Tech student, you may file an Institute complaint by contacting the Title IX Coordinator. An Institute complaint is governed by the Student Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy (<http://policylibrary.gatech.edu/student-affairs/draft-institute-sexual-harassment-misconduct-policy-0>) you may seek either “formal” or “informal” resolution; the standard of proof is “a preponderance of the evidence;” and potential sanctions may include suspension or

expulsion. If the alleged perpetrator is a faculty or staff member, a complaint should be filed with the Institute’s Title IX Coordinator at (404)385-5151 or by email at burnsnewsome@gatech.edu.

Confidential Process

You may file a confidential report through the victim-survivor advocates. Contact information can be found on the VOICE website. This option will not result in a report to the Institute or an investigation unless the student chooses to do so. If you choose to keep your report confidential, the advocates are only required to report de-identified data for purposes of crime statistic reports under the Clery Act.

Institute Obligations

If you choose to report to a non-confidential resource, the Institute is required by Federal law to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct and take any remedial action deemed necessary to preserve your safety and that of the Institute community. You will be given to opportunity to meet with the Title IX Coordinator to discuss your options and be informed of any action that may be taken. You may receive assistance and support without disclosing details of the misconduct from the confidential resources listed in this document previously.