

Sexual Violence Response Policy

In accordance with the Victims/Survivor Bill of Rights, victims/survivors shall have the right to pursue more than one of the options below at the same time, or choose not to participate in any of the options below:

A. Medical Assistance:

- You may have injuries that aren't evident yet. Get medical attention immediately. Even if you have no physical injuries, immediate medical care is important to reduce the risks of pregnancy or sexually transmitted infections. You do not have to press charges to seek medical attention.
- 1. ECMC Emer. Room (716)859-5600. Available 24/7
- 2. For ambulatory response, call 911 or Campus Safety (716)851-1133

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	Health Services	City-Post	Rm. 228	(716)851-1199
	Health Services	North- Bldg. S	Rm. 152	(716)851-1499
	Health Services	South- Bldg. 5	Rm. 5109	(716)270-5355

Preserve evidence: Do not shower/bathe; Do not launder clothing or bedding; Do not throw away evidence. To collect evidence, ask the hospital to conduct a rape kit exam. If you suspect you have been drugged, ask for urine sample to be collected.

B. Advocacy Services:

You have a right to report the incident confidentially to one of the following members of the institution and can assist you in obtaining services:

Health Services	City- Post	Room 228	(716)851-1199
Health Services	North- Bldg. S	Room: 152	(716)851-1499
Health Services	South- Bldg.	Room: 5109	(716)270-5355

Additional disclosure and assistance options are readily available by the following providers:

- 1. Crises Services (716)834-3131 http://crisisservices.org/content/
- 2. Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and are presented in several languages by visiting their website <u>http://www.opdv.ny.gov/help/index.html</u>. You may also call at (1-800-942-6906).
- 3. CDC (Center for Disease Control) on their website: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/sexualviolence/index.html

C. Complaint and Adjudication Options:

• You have the right to pursue criminal charges through the appropriate police agency. (for all individuals). Assistance is also available from the following entities:

- 1. SUNY ECC, Campus Safety Department (716)851-1133
- 2. Buffalo Police Department, B District (716)853-2222
- 3. New York State Police, Troop A (716)759-6831

Note: An order of Protection may be obtained through the Criminal Court system once formal criminal charges have been filed through a law enforcement agency.

Campus Judicial/Code of Conduct Charges are available through the Dean of Students offices if the accused is an ECC student.

Dean of Students	City -Post	Rm. 167	(716)851-1120
Dean of Students	South- Bldg. 5	Room: 5212	(716)851-1620
Dean of Students	North -Bldg. G	Rm. 157	(716)851-1420

- **4.** Title IX Complaint (e.g. sexual violence, harassment) is available through the Title IX Coordinator/Chief Diversity Officer (716)851-1118. (For all individuals including third party reporters).
- This office will discuss individuals' rights, academic support options, etc.

SUNY ECC will not wait for the conclusion of the criminal investigation or criminal proceeding to begin its own sex discrimination investigation, and if needed, will take immediate steps to protect the victim in the educational setting. (i.e. classroom section change if available, etc.)

- 5. Human Resource Referrals (716)851-1840 (if accused is an ECC employee)
- When the accused is an employee, a victim/survivor may also report the incident to the Office of Human Resources or may request that one of the above mentioned employees can assist in reporting the incident to Human Resources. Disciplinary proceedings will be conducted in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements.

You may withdraw your complaint or involvement from ECC at any time. Should complaint/adjudication options be declined, victims can still make an anonymous report to the Campus Safety Department, Dean of Students, and the Office of Equity and Diversity.

You have the right to make a report to campus safety, local law enforcement, and/or state police or choose not to report; to report the incident to your institution; to be protected by the institution from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from your institution.

D. Resources:

There is support at ECC and in the community to assist you as you weigh your options. Healing from a sexual assault takes time. If you are in need of a counseling referral, you may contact the Student Support Services Center at each campus.

Student Support	City- 45 Oak Street	Rm. 102	(716)851-1188
Services Center			
Student Support	North-S Bldg.	Rm. 205	(716)851-1420
Services Center			
Student Support	South-Bldg. 5	Rm. 5200	(716)851-1688
Services Center			

You may also visit their website at <u>www.ecc.edu/studentLife/supportservices/counseling</u>

- 1. Jessica Zimpfer; Campus Based Sexual Assault Advocate: (716)704-2133
- 2. **Crises Services;** Crises Services (716)834-3131 http://crisisservices.org/content/

If Someone You Know has been Sexually Assaulted:

Believe them. Listen, be there, support them, and do not be judgemental. Inform them of their options but remember that it is their decision. Be patient. Remember, an assault takes time to process and heal. Let them know that professional help is available.

It is not uncommon to experience feelings of shock, disbelief, anger, irritability, depression, embarrassment, and the inability to concentrate or relax.