



You have options.
Northwestern can help.

Resource Guide
on the Policy on
Institutional Equity
Sexual Misconduct
2022–23

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If you believe that you have experienced sexual misconduct, you have options.

Your options

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Preserving evidence

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About reporting

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Reporting obligation

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Complaint investigation and resolution

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; d;t,a d t ; ; a d ; ; ; ; a t ; d;c;T ;U ; t ; t ;

Timeline

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Truthfulness

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Retaliation

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Overview of the Policy on Institutional Equity sexual misconduct complaint resolution process*

The Office of Equity receives a report of sexual misconduct.

An Office of Equity staff member contacts the person who may have experienced sexual misconduct to provide information about resources and options and extend an invitation to meet.

The person decides whether or not to meet with the staff member.

The person chooses to meet. The staff member goes over resources and options. The person may request supportive measures and may request to proceed with resolution through investigation, educational response, or restorative resolution.

The person chooses not to meet or requests not to proceed with a resolution. The University typically can honor that request.

The Office of Equity conducts an initial inquiry to determine appropriate next steps.

Where an investigation has been opened, one or more investigators from the Office of Equity meet with the complainant to gather information about the concern. The complainant can suggest witnesses and provide evidence.

An Office of Equity staff member contacts the person who is alleged to have committed sexual misconduct (respondent) to notify them of the complaint, the resolution process, and the resources available to them.

One or more investigators meet with the respondent to get information. The respondent can suggest witnesses and provide evidence.

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How to help someone who tells you about an incident of sexual misconduct

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c d a ; ad ; ,c , t d a a .

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; a t .

Support: S a ; t ; ; t ; t c d b ; ; O ; d ; ta
ta dac d t ; ; t ; ca ; c ; att ; a ; ac ;
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Emergency resources

Northwestern University Police Department
(a c : a : p a t a d
t t ct : a : c)
847-491-3456 (E a t)
312-503-3456 (C ca)
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Evanston Police
911 847-866-5000
c t : a t . / c :
Chicago Police
911 312-744-4000
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Medical resources

Northwestern University Health Service
847-491-8100 (E a t)
312-695-8134 (C ca)

NorthShore University HealthSystem/
Evanston Hospital
847-570-2111

Northwestern Memorial Hospital
(Chicago)
312-926-2000

AMITA Health Saint Francis Hospital
(Evanston)
847-316-4000

24-hour services

Counseling and
Psychological Services (CAPS)
(d : c : : c :
t N t : t : t d : t)
847-491-2151 (24)
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Chicago Metro Rape Crisis
Hotline (YWCA)
888-293-2080

Chicago Domestic Violence Line
877-863-6338

Evanston Domestic Violence
Line (YWCA)
877-718-1868

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

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