Title IX Responses and Resources

This guide provides an overview of information, reporting option, and resources that provide assistance and support. Detailed information can be found on the Title IX website at svsu.edu/titleix and this form can be found at svsu.edu/titleix/resourcessupport/

What is Title IX? Title IX is the law that prohibits discrimination based on sex/gender in every education program that receives federal funding. Title IX incidents include many types of behaviors, such as sex discrimination, sexual harassment, dating and domestic violence, sexual misconduct, and stalking.

University Commitment: Saginaw Valley State University is committed to creating and maintaining an educational environment free from all forms of sexual misconduct. As a result, SVSU strictly prohibits gender and sex-based harassment, dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and stalking. Intimidation, coercion, and violence of any kind will not be tolerated.

EMERGENCY RESOURCES: Immediately after the incident

It is helpful to report as soon as you are able and to preserve any evidence, in case you wish to pursue a criminal, civil, or university investigation. Evidence can include physical evidence through a forensic medical exam, clothing, pictures, texts, and social media communications.

Preserving Evidence: Even if you choose not to file a criminal report or report the incident to the University, you are encouraged to take steps to preserve evidence. This will ensure that evidence is available if you later decide to proceed with criminal or university investigation.

- Do not shower, bathe, douche, or brush your teeth or hair.
- Seek treatment at a local hospital emergency room as soon as possible.
- Immediately notify medical staff if you believe drugs or alcohol were involved.
- Save all the clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault.
- Make every effort to save anything that might contain DNA. Do not clean up the crime scene or move anything the assailant may have touched.
- Write down as much as you can remember about the circumstances, including a description of the assailant. If you have pictures of the assailant, prepare to give it to the police.
- Save any electronic communications with the assailant (voicemail, email, text messages, or social media messages.

LAW ENFORMENT

Saginaw Valley State Police Department: Individuals may report an incident, with or without filling charges. Call 989-964-4141 or 911

Saginaw Country Sheriff Department: If the incident is occurring (occurred) in Saginaw, but off campus, a report may be filled with SPD. Call 911 for Emergencies.

MEDICAL ATTENTION

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) & Victim Advocate support: 24-hour Crisis Line (989) 790-9188
Covenant Healthcare: 24-hour (989) 583-0000, MedExpress Bay Road (989) 583-0285- Not 24-hours
St. Mary's of Michigan: 24-hour (989) 907-8000

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REPORTING OPTIONS: Anytime after the incident

Report incidents of sex discrimination, sexual assault, interpersonal violence, stalking, and sexual misconduct.
UNIVERSITY ONLINE REPORT: https://www.svsu.edu/titleix/reportingsexualmisconduct-whoshoulditell/

Title IX Coordinator
Wickes Hall 260
(989) 964-4068
SVSU.edu/titleix

Civil Report
Office for Civil Rights, Regional Office
(216) 522-4970
OCR.Cleveland@ed.gov

SVSU Police Department
South Campus Complex A
989-964-4141
http://www.svsu.edu/universitypolice/

Anonymous Report
University Police
https://www.svsu.edu/universitypolice/anonymouscrimetipsorsuggestionsforuniversity/

ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT: Seeking support after the incident

CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES: Services below are considered confidential by Federal and State Law

Student Counseling Center: Provides confidential individual and group counseling services to students**.** The counseling staff can help a victim obtain needed resources, explain reporting options, and assist in navigating the reporting process. Curtiss 112, (989) 964-7078, http://www.svsu.edu/studentcounselingcenter/

Employee Assistance Program: Offers confidential counseling for employees regarding personal or work-related problems that may be interfering with quality of life or work performance. (877) 259-3785 or www.lifebalance.net

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan: Offers free to low cost legal services to low income individuals. (800) 322-4512 **http://www.lsem-mi.org/**

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Underground Railroad: Provides services for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and human slavery. 1230 South Washington Ave, Saginaw, MI 48601. (989) 755-0411. https://undergroundrailroadinc.org/

Child & Family Services & Sexual Assault Center of Saginaw: Provides counseling, wellness, legal advocacy and crisis services in the Great Lakes Bay region. 2806 Davenport, Saginaw, MI 48602 (989) 790-7500, Crisis line (989) 790-9118. http://www.childandfamilysaginaw.org/

Find help in Michigan- Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence:
http://www.mcedsv.org/help/find-help-in-michigan.html

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