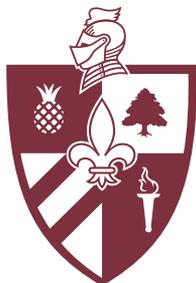


# SEXUAL MISCONDUCT & ADVOCACY RESOURCES



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Sexual assault is a serious violent crime. It is a crime of hostility and aggression, as well as a violation of human dignity. Sexual assault is also a very sensitive crime which is unique in its physical and mental impact upon the victim. When it occurs at Bellarmine University, it is also a flagrant violation of university standards and will not be tolerated.

Bellarmino University's sexual misconduct policy may be accessed at **[www.bellarmino.edu/sexualmisconduct](http://www.bellarmino.edu/sexualmisconduct)**. The policy applies to all Bellarmine University community members.

## **What is Sexual Misconduct?**

Sexual misconduct offenses may create a hostile environment on campus and can include but are not limited to the following acts or attempt to complete the following:

1. Sexual Harassment
2. Quid Pro Quo
3. Sexual Assault
  - a. Forcible Sex Offenses
  - b. Forcible Rape
  - c. Forcible Sodomy
  - d. Forcible Fondling
  - e. Non-Forcible Sexual Assault
4. Dating Violence
5. Domestic Violence
6. Stalking
7. Retaliation in connection with any of these offenses

## **Immediate Assistance**

In the event of a sexual assault, various resources are available to students and employees both on and off campus. In an emergency, all campus community members may contact the Office of Public Safety at 502.272.7777 or may call 911.

### **For immediate medical attention, the following off-campus resources are recommended:**

University of Louisville Hospital  
530 S. Jackson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

The Center for Women & Families  
927 South Second Street  
Louisville, KY 40201  
1.844.237.2331  
[www.thecenteronline.org](http://www.thecenteronline.org)

Survivors of sexual assault are urged to seek medical attention as early as possible. The professional staff in sexual assault treatment centers are trained to assist survivors of sexual violence and ensure the individual's personal safety. Additionally, both University of Louisville Hospital and The Center for Women and Families have critical forensic testing capabilities for evidence collection within 72 hours of an attack. Evidence from a sexual assault can be held for up to 30 days by law enforcement while you decide on a course of action.

For on-campus confidential medical attention, survivors of sexual assault may visit Bellarmine Health Services in Newman Hall. Health Services is staffed by three nurse practitioners and a full-time registered nurse. The majority of services offered through Health Services are free to students. Appointments with Health Services may be made by calling 502.272.8313.

Trained on- and off-campus advocates and counselors who can provide an immediate confidential response in a crisis situation include:

**On-Campus Name and Contact Information:**

Gary Petiprin, Director of the Counseling Center  
Allen Hall 403 • 502.272.8480

Marlana Bragg, Assistant Director of the Counseling Center  
Allen Hall 403 • 502.272.8480

Alice Kimble, Director of Health Services  
Newman Hall • 502.272.8313

**Off-Campus Name and Contact Information:**

The Center for Women and Families  
927 S 2nd Street  
Louisville, KY 40201  
1.844.237.2331 or 502.581.7200

**Off-Campus for Staff/Employees Name and Contact Information:**

Human Development Corporation  
502.589.HELP (4357)  
800.877.8332  
info@humandev.com

**How to Report**

To make a report of an incident, any Bellarmine University community member may contact the following on-campus entities:

Natasha Begin, Chief Title IX Officer  
502.272.7337 • nbegin@bellarmine.edu

Mark Wiegand, Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
502.272.8368 • mwiegand@bellarmine.edu

### **Additional Resources for Reporting:**

- Office of Public Safety: Treece Hall 054, 502.272.7777
- Dean of Students Office: Treece Hall 225, 502.272.8150
- Campus Ministry: Horrigan Hall 016, 502.272.7051
- Health Services: Newman Hall, 502.272.8313
- Counseling Center: Allen Hall 403, 502.272.8480
- Housing and Residence Life: Petrik Hall 105, 502.272.7272
- To make a criminal report, you may contact Louisville Metro Police 5th Division at 502.574.7636

### **Reporting to Responsible Employees**

Reports made to responsible employees, including Residence Life student staff members, are required by federal law to be relayed to the university's Title IX Coordinator and will initiate an inquiry by the university in accordance with this policy. Inquiry procedures may be found in the Bellarmine University Student Handbook and on the Bellarmine University Title IX website. You can report sexual misconduct to any responsible employee. Responsible employees at Bellarmine University include:

- Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators
- All Student Affairs staff members
- Residence Life student staff members and their supervisors
- Office of Public Safety officers and staff
- Full-time faculty members
- The university president, vice presidents and deans
- Intercollegiate Varsity full-time coaching staff and their supervisors

When reporting to responsible employees, the following information may be requested:

- Name of alleged respondent.
- Location of the incident.
- The time and date of the incident.
- Any relevant facts related to the incident.
- Any names of staff, students or faculty connected to the incident.

### **Ongoing Assistance**

Regardless of level of reporting a reporting party wishes to pursue with the university inquiry process, the following supports or interim measures may be offered to the involved parties:

**Interim Protective Orders:** The Title IX Coordinator and his/her designee may issue an interim “no contact” order to help ensure that the reporting party is not harassed by the alleged respondent. Such interim measures may remain in place throughout the university inquiry process and may extend beyond the hearing process.

**Advisor of Choice:** The right to confer with an advisor of choice for any institutional proceeding, including interviews or hearings. Trained Bellarmine University staff will be available to serve as an advocate should a reporting party wish for support when receiving medical care, in notifying the police of an incident, or as support through the campus inquiry process.

**Living Arrangements:** When the reporting party and the alleged respondent in a sexual assault case live in campus housing, alternative living arrangements for the respondent and/or reporting party may be made when reasonably available and if so requested by the reporting party.

**Academic Considerations:** Should the reporting party and alleged respondent be enrolled in the same class, alternative class assignments may be made when reasonably available and if requested by the reporting party.

**Additional Considerations:** Transportation, dining and working environments may be changed when reasonably appropriate to avoid contact between reporting party and alleged respondent if requested by the reporting party. Reporting parties also have the right to notify authorities including the police with or without assistance from university staff. Reports can be made to Louisville Metro Police by calling 911. Reporting an incident on campus does not mean that 911 will be called automatically.

**Requests for Confidentiality:** Upon receipt of a report of sexual misconduct, the university must act immediately to protect the reporting party while keeping the identity of the reporting party confidential. The Title IX Coordinator and other appropriate university personnel shall determine, consistent with state and local law, whether appropriate law enforcement or other authorities should be notified. The Title IX Coordinator or his/her designee shall evaluate requests for confidentiality and shall determine when such requests shall be honored. The Title IX Coordinator shall be consulted in evaluating requests for confidentiality. The Title IX Coordinator or his/her designee shall make every effort to respect requests for confidentiality.

## **Medical Amnesty**

When a student's health or safety is in jeopardy due to alcohol consumption or drug use, immediate medical attention should be sought by calling 911 or the Office of Public Safety at 502.272.7777. The medical amnesty policy is in place in order to promote the health and safety of all Bellarmine University students, especially in situations involving medical risk from alcohol poisoning, drug abuse, or physical or sexual assault. Any student who calls 911, the Office of Public Safety, or another campus resource seeking medical assistance for themselves or another student needing emergency attention may not be cited for an offense under the student Code of Conduct. Requests for amnesty from drug, alcohol, and other policies in cases of sexual misconduct should be directed to the Title IX Coordinator or his/her designee who shall consider the request and make a recommendation to the appropriate university official. Those individuals may approve or deny the request after considering all of the university's interests.

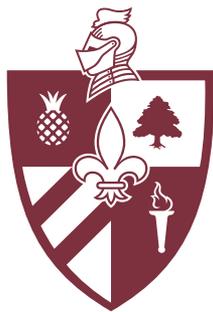
## **How to Support a Friend**

If your friend is a survivor of sexual assault, even though it may feel overwhelming, you can help them find some relief.

- Listen.
- Reassure your friend that they are not to blame for the assault.
- Avoid asking "why" questions. They make your friend feel as if you're investigating, or they are to blame or that you don't believe them.
- Encourage them to seek immediate support.
- Find a safe place of support for yourself.

## **Brave BU and Ongoing Prevention Education**

BraveBU is a culture of care campaign that is focused on the promotion of bystander intervention and healthy behaviors. Often led by students, BraveBU programs occur throughout the academic year and focus on issues such as sexual assault prevention, healthy relationships and wellness-based discussions. The initial BraveBU program is led at new student orientation each August. Staff members from the Dean of Students Office explain the culture of care at Bellarmine, walk students through the definitions included in the campus sexual misconduct policy and facilitate dialogue around realistic and helpful strategies to avoid being a bystander. More information about programming or involvement with BraveBU may be found at [www.bellarmino.edu/brave-bu](http://www.bellarmino.edu/brave-bu).



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