

WSU's Response to Sex and Gender Based Violence and Discrimination

Confidential Resources: In most instances, service providers from the following resources can speak with students confidentially about their concerns.

WSU Vancouver Counseling Services

360-546-9238

studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/counseling-services

Provides a wide range of counseling, crisis, consultation and referral services.

Clark County Crisis Line

360-696-9560

Provides 24 hour crisis call support from children and adults.

Clark County YWCA

360-695-0501 or 1-800-695-0167

ywcaclarkcounty.org

Provides a wide range of services for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, including advocacy, support groups and shelter.

Clark County Crime Victim Services

1-888-425-1176

lcsnw.org/vancouver/crimevictimservice.html

Provides free services to those impacted by crime.

Community Health Services

freeclinicdirectory.org

Provides information about free and low-cost health care options.

Northwest Justice Project Legal Hotline (CLEAR)

1-888-201-1014, nwjustice.org

Free legal assistance and representation provided to those who qualify on the basis of income.

Police Resource:

WSU Vancouver Police Department

360-546-9001 or Pager 360-690-1527

admin.vancouver.wsu.edu/public-safety/campus-police

City of Vancouver Police Department

360-487-7400, cityofvancouver.us/police

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

WSU's investigation process is separate from the criminal process. The processes can be pursued simultaneously.

University Resources: These offices share information only on a need-to-know basis but cannot guarantee confidentiality.

Unless designated as a confidential resource, most WSU employees are required to report incidents of sexual harassment and misconduct to the WSU Title IX Coordinator.

Office for Equal Opportunity (OEO)

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Director

WSU Title IX Coordinator

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OEO works closely with OSC on student matters involving discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct. OEO conducts investigations, makes findings of fact, and determines whether a violation of the WSU Executive Policy ([EP 15](#)), Prohibiting Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct, occurred.

OEO and the Title IX Coordinator can assist individuals in accessing resources on campus and in the community. OEO can also provide contact information for state and/or federal agencies.

For more information, visit oew.wsu.edu

WSU Vancouver Office of Student Affairs

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The Office of Student Affairs can assist in coordinating resources, support, and can help address any challenges students may encounter.

Student Affairs also houses the Title IX Liaison and works closely with OEO on student conduct cases involving discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct.

For more information, visit studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu

In addition to the Title IX Liaison, the Office of Student Affairs also houses the Office of Student Conduct (OSC). OSC addresses any disciplinary action, as appropriate, after an investigation is complete.

For more information, visit studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct

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WSU policy prohibits sex & gender based violence, which are forms of sexual harassment & discrimination.

Important concepts:

Consent: Consent to any sexual activity must be clear, knowing, and voluntary – *silence or passivity is not consent.*

A person cannot/**does not consent** to a sexual contact that occurs when:

- The person is unconscious, asleep, or physically unable to communicate;
- Force or coercion is used; or
- The person lacks the mental capacity to understand the consequences of sexual activity due to illness, defect, the influence of alcohol or other substance, or some other cause. A person is incapacitated if they cannot fully understand the details of the sexual interaction (who, what, when, where, why, and how).

Retaliation and interference are prohibited. This includes any act that would dissuade a reasonable person from making or supporting a complaint, or from participating in an investigation, or that would delay or disrupt an investigation. These are treated as separate violations of EP 15.

Sexual Misconduct/Non-consensual Sexual Contact: Sexual Misconduct is any sexual activity with another that is unwanted and non-consensual. Sexual Misconduct includes sexual assault and other sexual violence.

Sexual Exploitation: Occurs when a person takes sexual advantage of another. Includes, but is not limited to:

- Invading another person's sexual privacy;
- Engaging in voyeurism;
- Exposing one's intimate parts in non-consensual circumstances;
- Sexually based stalking and/or bullying.

WSU will address student allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct regardless of where the conduct occurred.

Stalking: Engaging in a course of conduct, directed at a specific person including conduct occurring in person, electronically, or through a third party, that would cause a reasonable person to:

- Fear for one's safety or the safety of others;
- Fear for harm to one's property or of property of others; or
- Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Intimate Partner Violence (also referred to as Dating Violence or Domestic Violence): Violence or abusive behavior within an intimate partner relationship. It can be physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, economic, or psychological in nature and can include actions or threats of actions that influence or harm an intimate partner.

For complete definitions, visit conduct.wsu.edu

Step 1: Filing a Complaint — To file a complaint or report an incident, contact the WSU Vancouver Title IX Liaison or OEO. They can explain the complaint procedures and process. Information is also available at oeo.wsu.edu.

Step 2: Investigation Process — OEO will lead an investigation to determine whether or not the WSU Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct is implicated. In most instances, a representative from OEO and a student conduct officer will jointly conduct the investigation. The reporting party may determine the extent to which they will participate in this process. In some situations, the University may be required to proceed with an investigation regardless of whether the reporting party decides to participate in the investigation or disciplinary process.

Step 3: Student Conduct Process — OSC will determine whether disciplinary action under the Standards of Conduct is warranted. If disciplinary action is warranted, OSC may address the matter via a conduct officer meeting or a more formal proceeding. For more information, visit conduct.wsu.edu.

The use of alcohol or other drugs is not a valid defense to a violation of EP 15.

Learn more by visiting conduct.wsu.edu, oeo.wsu.edu



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