WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is a crime. It is also a violation of University policy and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex, including sexual assault. Sexual assault will not be tolerated at SMU. If you are the victim of sexual assault, please know that SMU is here to help:

ALERT POLICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Call 911 from a campus phone, 214-768-3333 from a cell phone, or pick up a blue-light campus phone to reach SMU Police. If you are off campus, call 911 to reach police in your area or 214-768-3333 to reach SMU Police.

SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY, even if you decide not to contact police. At Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, a certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) can provide care and an exam that preserves evidence; call 214-345-6203. SMU Police or a representative of SMU Counseling Services can accompany you.

Preserve evidence before the exam. Do not bathe, shower or use toothpaste or mouthwash; do not wash clothing, bed sheets, pillows or other potential evidence.

SEEK SUPPORT. For confidential counseling and assistance, contact:

- SMU Counseling Services, 214-768-2277 (available 24/7)
- SMU Chaplain’s Office, 214-768-4502
- The Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center, 972-641-7273 (24-hour hotline), is a community resource that provides confidential counseling.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS. You have the right to pursue criminal charges through the district attorney’s office. You also have the right to pursue an internal grievance process by filing a complaint under SMU’s Title IX policy. The criminal and internal grievance processes, which are independent of each other, can be pursued at the same time.

- SMU Police (criminal reporting), 911 or 214-768-3333
- SMU Title IX Coordinator (internal grievance reporting), 214-768-3601

MORE RESOURCES: The following SMU resources also are here to support you. They will protect your privacy to the extent possible, but are required to report sexual assaults to SMU’s Title IX Coordinator and to SMU Police.

- Office of the Dean of Student Life, 214-768-4564
- Violence Prevention & Support Services, 214-768-4512
- Women & LGBT Center, 214-768-4792
- Residence Life and Student Housing, 214-768-2407

Your health and safety are important to SMU. Learn more at smu.edu/GetHelp.

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