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 resources at SMU-in-Taos and on the SMU main campus, as well as resources in the Taos community, are available to help:

**ALERT POLICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Call 911. Support also is available from SMU-in-Taos security officials, 575-317-9434, and SMU Police, 214-768-3333 (available 24/7).

**SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY,** even if you decide not to contact police. At Holy Cross Hospital in Taos, a certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) can provide care and an exam that preserves evidence, 575-751-8990.

**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
- Taos Community Against Violence confidential hotline, 575-758-9888 (available 24/7)

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.** You have the right to pursue criminal charges through the district attorney’s office in the appropriate jurisdiction. 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. Please contact the following resources for more information:

- Anne Weil, Student Affairs Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator (Taos), 575-758-7208 or weil@smu.edu
- Samantha Thomas, SMU Title IX Coordinator (Dallas), 214-768-3601 or accessequity@smu.edu

**MORE RESOURCES:** The following resources also are here to support you. They will protect your privacy and confidentiality to the extent possible, but they 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
- SMU Women & LGBT Center, 214-768-4792

Your health and safety are important to SMU. Learn more at [smu.edu/LiveResponsibly](http://smu.edu/LiveResponsibly).

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