You are likely reading this because you or someone close to you has been personally affected by sexual misconduct, such as sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, stalking, or sexual harassment. While our goal is to prevent this from happening, at this point we want to help. Here you’ll find some places to start. Of course, a handout cannot address the specifics of your situation, so we strongly encourage you to reach out to the people you feel are right for you.

These resources and options are available to all students regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or other identities.

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

After an incident, get to a safe place. Call 911, Public Safety, or visit an emergency room. SU Public Safety has trained staff available 24/7 to take initial reports and provide support, information, and reporting options. They are also available to help facilitate safety planning, assist with civil protection orders, or provide transportation to emergency rooms as desired.

**CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL ATTENTION**

If so, visiting sooner rather than later is important. Physical exams and evidence collection after a sexual assault are available 24/7 for free at Harborview and Swedish - First Hill emergency departments. Students can also seek confidential medical attention, including exams as well as STD and pregnancy testing, at the Seattle U Student Health Center. An appointment is required and communicating the need for urgency in the event of sexual misconduct will allow for the soonest possible appointment.

**CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT**

Whether you’d like to speak with someone in person at Seattle U or you prefer a hotline there are many confidential options. Campus resources will be more familiar with Seattle University supports and procedures while hotlines allow for 24/7 anonymous conversations.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides supportive counseling for individuals coping with the impact of sexual misconduct. Campus Ministry is a resource for people of all faith and non-faith identities. Campus ministers are available for one-on-one conversations about experiences of sexual misconduct.

**UNIVERSITY ASSISTANCE**

The University offers assistance to all students who experience sexual misconduct, whether or not they pursue formal reporting. This includes providing individualized measures such as academic and work accommodations, housing modifications, and no communication orders, all of which can be coordinated through the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE). The University can also help with information or referrals to off-campus assistance, such as legal advocacy and civil protection orders.

**FORMAL REPORTING**

A formal report can be filed with the University and/or through law enforcement for any criminal behavior. If you would like more information before deciding whether or not to report an incident to the University, you are welcome to meet with someone from the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) who can provide information about your options and University processes as well as answer any questions.

**PRIVATE PEER SUPPORT**

The Health and Wellness Crew (HAWC) members are students who are certified as peer health educators and receive relevant training. They are available for private individual conversations about sexual misconduct with survivors and their friends.
Privacy concerns are often at the forefront when someone has experienced sexual misconduct. It is useful to know the degree of confidentiality that individuals can expect from each of the University resources.

Resources identified as “confidential” will not share any information without your informed, written consent, unless there is an imminent risk of harm to self or others.

All other faculty and staff are expected to maintain information about sexual misconduct as extremely private, and to notify the University’s Title IX Coordinator who ensures that each individual is appropriately supported with resources and options that empower them to make informed decisions.

Please note this expectation extends to Resident Assistants (24/7), other Housing & Residence Life Student Employees (while working), and Public Safety Student Employees (while working); it is not required of any other student employees, student leaders, or student groups - including HAWC.

Students can always ask about an employee’s responsibilities before sharing information and have the right to speak only with confidential resources.