how do I seek medical help?

Especially in the first 72 hours, medical concerns like pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections or injuries may be important to address. Treatment is still available after 72 hours and may put your mind at ease. There is a difference between getting treatment from a medical professional and having medical evidence collected for possible investigation.

Evidence Collection

Evidence collection, often referred to as the “rape kit,” is done by a trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. Victim/survivor advocates are available to meet you at the Northern Utah Forensic Examination Center to offer support and information. Through the state’s crime victim reparation program, the exam is free and you can have evidence collected even if you do not know whether you want to report the crime to the police. If you think there is a possibility that you will decide to report the assault to the police, it is best to get the forensic exam done as soon as possible.

To make an appointment, contact community advocates, Safe@Weber Advocates or law enforcement.

Medical Treatment

If you have injuries related to an assault and want treatment but no evidence collection, you may go to your primary care physician or the emergency room. Know that if you have significant physical injury, doctors may be required to report the assault to the police. If you are under 18, doctors may have to notify your parent(s) or guardian(s) and report to the police. You can ask about reporting requirements before receiving treatment.

Your primary care physician, Midtown Community Health Centers (801-393-5335) or Planned Parenthood of Ogden (801-479-7721) can provide emergency contraception, STI testing and treatment, and additional medical care.

what are my rights?

Sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are violations of state and federal law as well as WSU policy. The Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct policy can be found at: weber.edu/ppm/Policies/3-32_Discrimination_Harassment_and_Sexual_Misconduct.html. The Safety, Response and Reporting policy can be found at: weber.edu/ppm/Policies/5-36a_Safety_Response_and_Reporting_Policy.html.

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination (which includes sexual violence) in educational programs and activities. The Federal Campus Sexual Assault Victims’ Bill of Rights and Jeanne Clery Act outline procedural protections and notification support to be given to survivors and others. Under these laws, survivors must be notified of options for reporting, counseling and provide appropriate interim measures or accommodations (such as changing academic and living situations). Survivors have a right to an adequate, reliable and impartial investigation, and appropriate remedies. Disciplinary procedures must include equal opportunities for participation and notification of outcomes.

Non-confidential resources:

- Office of Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity (Title IX coordinators): aa-eo@weber.edu or 801-626-6240, 801-626-6239
- Clery Act Officer: WSU Police Chief Dane LeBlanc, 801-626-6460 (police dispatch)
- Dean of Students: Jeff Hurst, Ph.D., 801-626-6484
- Due Process Officer: Eric Amsel, Ph.D., 801-626-6558
- Weber State University International Student Center: 801-626-6853 (Visa and Immigration Assistance)
- Weber State University Financial Aid: 801-626-7569

Legal resources:

- Utah State Bar: utahbar.org
- Utah Legal Services: utahlegalservices.org

what resources are available?

WSU Confidential Resources

WSU Counseling & Psychological Services Center provides free and confidential counseling to students. Confidentiality cannot be maintained in cases of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of minors or vulnerable adults, or if a determination is made that you are in imminent danger of harming yourself or others.

- weber.edu/counselingcenter
- WSU Ogden: Student Services Center, Suite 280
- Call 801-626-6406 for hours and appointments
- Emergency or crisis drop-in appointments are available during business hours
- WSU Davis: call 801-626-6406 for appointments

Safe@Weber Advocates (801-626-6090 or safeatweber@weber.edu) work closely with AA/EO to ensure the survivor a fair and timely investigation, as well as with WSU Police during criminal investigations. Advocacy Services include:

- Safety planning and assistance with support services such as class/housing changes, etc.
- Assistance reporting sexual misconduct to AA/EO or WSU Police
- Presence during interviews and court appearances, assistance with institutional petitions, assistance with possible academic modifications, and referrals to community resources
- Distribution of the Safe@Weber Survivor Emergency Fund

The Safe@Weber Advocate is not required to report sexual misconduct to the university. We do have to share some limited information with the WSU Police about crimes committed on campus. Come talk to us so we can tell you more.

Community Confidential Resources

Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Utah’s 24/7 Sexual Violence Crisis Line: 1-888-421-1100, ucsa.org

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition
24/7 LINKLine: 1-800-897-LINK (5465), udvc.org

Your Community Connection (YCC) of Ogden
24/7 Crisis Line: 801-392-7273, yccophoe.org

Safe Harbor of Davis County
24/7 Crisis Line: 801-444-9161, safedarthope.org

Sego Lily Center for the Abused Deaf
video phone: 801-614-7885, text: 801-997-0452
email: help@slcad.org (24-hour crisis lines)

in case of sexual assault, harassment, domestic/dating violence and/or stalking

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what do I do?

Immediately:
- Get to a safe place as soon as possible
- If you are in immediate danger, call 911
- If no immediate danger, decide whether to report the crime to police (delay can result in lost evidence)
- Try to preserve all physical evidence (may be possible to collect evidence up to five days after)
  - Don’t shower, bathe or brush your teeth
  - Save clothing you were wearing in a paper bag
  - Do not rearrange, clean up anything or take out the garbage where assault occurred
- Seek support
  - Talk with someone you trust to get immediate support (friend, family, advisor)
  - See resources section for more options.
  - Safe@Weber Advocate (during business hours) or community advocates (24/7)
- Seek medical attention
  - Northern Utah Forensic Examination Center will connect you with trained nurses who can meet with you, collect evidence through a forensic rape exam, check for injuries, provide emergency contraception, and limited STI preventative medication. Connect with them by contacting YCC or Safe Harbor.

how do I report?

Survivors of sexual assault or violence can choose how to report the incident. This may include an internal university investigation, a criminal investigation or both/neither. Survivors can also choose not to file a formal complaint or report against the accused. The Safe@Weber Advocates can help you assess these options.

**AA/EO Investigation**

If you were assaulted, harassed or discriminated against by anyone (including a student, faculty or staff) based on your sex, gender identity or expression and/or sexual orientation, you can report the incident to the Office of AA/EO or to the Safe@Weber Advocates. You can also report to the AA/EO if you are the victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, whether it occurred on or off campus.

The Office of AA/EO will respond promptly and effectively to allegations of discrimination, harassment and violence and will work with you to determine next steps. Where appropriate, the Office of AA/EO will conduct an adequate, reliable and impartial investigation by reviewing all available evidence. The Office of AA/EO will then make a determination, which will be sent to the appropriate Vice President or Dean of Students for review and initiation of disciplinary proceedings, as appropriate. Decisions may be appealed as per university policy. Further details about these processes and time frames can be found in PPMs 3-32, PPM 6-22 and PPM 5-36a, which are available at weber.edu/ppm.

While the Office of AA/EO investigates the report, survivors have the right to interim measures, where reasonably available, including a no-contact directive, academic accommodations, medical and mental health services, assistance in finding alternative housing, assistance in arranging alternative employment, receiving a police escort, transportation accommodations and assistance finding community resources. The Office of AA/EO and the Safe@Weber Advocates work together to provide these services. If the Office of AA/EO finds that a violation of the school’s policy, sanctions can include measures up to expulsion (for a student) or termination (for faculty/staff).

In order to encourage reporting, when sexual misconduct is reported in circumstances where university codes of conduct have been violated, WSU will provide amnesty from institutional disciplinary actions, except under circumstances where such violations would normally result in suspension, eviction, expulsion, or termination.

**Report to Police**

You have the option of reporting to law enforcement. The Office of AA/EO or Safe@Weber Advocates can assist you to do so. If you choose to report the incident to WSU police, an officer will take a statement from you, including a description of the accused/suspect, the location, witnesses and what happened before and after. You may have a support person or a Safe@Weber Advocate with you during the interview.

Filing a report does not commit you to pursue an investigation. To the extent possible, the WSU Police will respect your decision and keep your identity confidential. Reports are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution and do not identify the victim or the accused. Non-imminent threats of violence may be referred to the Strategic Threat Assessment & Response Team for review, as appropriate under PPM 3-67.

who can I talk to?

If you have experienced sexual assault or interpersonal violence (domestic/dating violence or stalking), you may be faced with many decisions to make about your own physical and emotional well-being as well as filing reports through the university or law enforcement. The information in this brochure will provide a good overview but it may be helpful to speak with a counselor or therapist about your options. This can be an important part of the healing process.

While you may want to talk to someone you trust, such as friend or family member, campus resources are available. When you seek help, first ask what level of confidentiality they can provide. Many survivors seek out a supervisor, professor or individual in a position of trust. Most of these people have an obligation to report to AA/EO, who manages complaints of sexual discrimination, harassment and violence at Weber State.

Some things you might discuss:
- What you feel and think about the incident
- Get information to figure out what you want to do
- How to manage your academics or work
- Form a safety plan
- Get medical treatment
- Seek alternative housing options
- Report to AA/EO or law enforcement, including WSU Police

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