



Special Victims Unit Options & Resources

Michigan State University Police Department

Know your options

If you or someone you know has recently experienced an incident of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking or child abuse, consider reporting to one or both of the following options.

MSU Police Department

Emergencies: 911 • Non-Emergencies: 517-355-2221 • police.msu.edu

What is the MSU Police Department's role?

The MSU Police Department is responsible for fully investigating reported cases of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and child abuse.

Why report to the MSU Police Department?

- Reporting to the MSU Police Department initiates a criminal investigation.
- We will support you during the investigation and keep you informed of the progress.
- Cases where an offender is identified will be reviewed by the prosecutor's office, with your request for outcome documented.
- While this process does not result in university sanctions, it may result in criminal charges.

Is there anything else I should know?

- Investigations through the MSU Police Department require participation of the victim.
- The MSU Police Department is able to provide resources and support, discuss reporting options, answer questions, and explain all processes involved.
- The MSU Police Department will report all incidents of relationship violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct to the Office of Institutional Equity. It is then the victim's choice whether they participate or not in the Office of Institutional Equity's process.

Office of Institutional Equity

517-353-3922 • oie.msu.edu

What is the Office of Institutional Equity's role?

The Office of Institutional Equity is responsible for adjudicating the MSU Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct (RVSM) policy, which includes relationship violence, sexual misconduct and stalking.

Why report to the Office of Institutional Equity?

- Reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity initiates an investigation to determine whether university policy has been violated by a MSU student or faculty/staff member.
- While this process does not result in criminal charges, it may result in university sanctions through the student conduct system or applicable personnel policies. This may include the suspension, expulsion, or firing of the alleged perpetrator from the university.
- The Office of Institutional Equity can assist with services, accommodations, and other forms of assistance.

Is there anything else I should know?

- Investigations through the Office of Institutional Equity do not require victim participation beyond the initial interview.
- The Office of Institutional Equity will report all incidents of relationship violence, stalking, and sexual misconduct to the MSU Police Department. It is then the victim's choice whether they participate or not in a criminal investigation with the police.

Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Commitment

Michigan State University has a policy that prohibits relationship violence and sexual misconduct, including sexual assault. The Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) is responsible for enforcement of the university's policy, while the MSU Police Department handles the criminal investigation.

Relationship violence and sexual misconduct, including non-stranger sexual assault, are a very serious concern to the University and our community. If you feel you are the victim of relationship violence or sexual assault on campus, the MSU Police Department has a Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Response Commitment:

- We will meet with you privately, at a place of your choice in this area, to provide informed options.
- We will not release your name to the public or media. Your parent or guardian will not be notified, unless you are a minor.
- Our officers will not prejudge you, and you will not be blamed for what occurred.
- We will treat you and your particular case in a trauma-informed manner.
- If you feel more comfortable talking with a female or male officer, we will do our best to accommodate your request.
- If you would like a support person or advocate present during interviews or available to provide support throughout the investigation, we will help arrange that.
- We will assist you with medical and transportation resources.
- With your permission, we will assist you in contacting counseling and advocacy services, in addition to other available resources that will continue to provide you with additional support throughout the investigation.
- We will support you during the investigation and keep you informed of the progress. Cases where an offender is identified will be reviewed by the prosecutor's office, with your request for outcome documented.
- We will continue to be available for you, to answer your questions and to explain the systems and processes involved (prosecutor's office, court proceedings, university investigation).
- We will consider your case seriously regardless of your gender or sexual orientation, and regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the suspect.

If we fail to achieve any part of the above guarantee, the Chief of Police will meet with you personally to address any concerns. The MSU Police want to continue to make the MSU campus safe for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Victims' Rights

Crime Victims' Rights Act - 18 U.S.C. § 3771

- A crime victim has the following rights:
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.
- The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding, or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused.
- The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence, determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding.
- The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding.
- The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case.
- The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law.
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.
- The right to be informed in a timely manner of any plea bargain or deferred prosecution agreement.
- The right to be informed of the rights under this section and the services described in section 503(c) of the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 10607(c)) and provided contact information for the Office of the Victims' Rights Ombudsman of the Department of Justice.

Victims' Rights

Crime Victim's Rights Act, MCL 780.751 et, seq

- You may be eligible for crime victim's compensation benefits. To apply, fill out an application available from the Crime Victim Services Commission at 517-373-7373.
- If you would like to be notified of an arrest in your case or the release of the person arrested or both, you can call the investigator with whom you are directly working with and inform them.
- You can contact the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office at 517-483-6108 to obtain information about victim's rights.

Sexual Assault Victim's Access to Justice Act MCL 752.953

- You can have a sexual assault medical forensic examination and have evidence collected using a sexual assault evidence kit even if you do not want to participate in the criminal justice system or cooperate with law enforcement.
- You cannot be billed for the cost of administrating the sexual assault evidence kit. If you receive a bill for these services, contact the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission at 517-373-7373.
- You have the right to ask the investigating law enforcement agency for the contact information for the detective or investigating officer assigned to the case, the current status of the case, whether the case has been submitted to the prosecuting attorney for review, and whether the case has been closed and the documented reason for closure.
- If you had a sexual assault evidence kit collected and released to law enforcement, you have a right to ask the investigating law enforcement agency for the following information: when the sexual assault evidence kit was sent to a forensic laboratory for testing; whether a DNA profile was obtained from the sexual assault evidence kit; whether a DNA profile was entered into CODIS; and whether a DNA profile resulted in a CODIS hit.
- Your legal rights include the right to go to court and file a petition requesting a personal protection order (PPO)/restraining order to protect you from the perpetrator. The PPO could order the perpetrator not to have contact with you and include other specific condition.

Domestic Violence Notices, MCL 764.15c

1. You may obtain a copy of the police incident report for your case by contacting the law enforcement agency at the phone number previously shown.
2. Your legal rights include the right to go to court and file a petition requesting a personal protection order to protect you or other members of your household from domestic abuse which could include restraining or enjoining the abuser from doing the following:
 - Entering onto premises.
 - Assaulting, attacking, beating, molesting, or wounding you.
 - Removing minor children from you, except as otherwise authorized by a custody or parenting time order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - Engaging in stalking behavior.
 - Purchasing or possessing a firearm.
 - Interfering with your efforts to remove your children or personal property from premises that are solely owned or leased by the abuser.
 - Interfering with you at your place of employment or education or engaging in conduct that impairs your employment relationship or your employment or educational environment.
 - Engaging in any other specific act or conduct that imposes upon or interferes with your personal liberty or that causes a reasonable apprehension of violence.
 - Having access to information in records concerning any minor child you have with the abuser that would inform the abuser about your address or telephone number, the child's address or telephone number, or your employment address.

Your legal rights also include the right to go to court and file a motion for an order to show cause and a hearing if the abuser or perpetrator is violating the protection order and has not been arrested.

MSU & Community Resources

MSU Confidential Resources

MSU Sexual Assault Program (SAP)

(517) 355-3551 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

24-hour Hotline (517) 372-6666

Crisis chat at go.msu.edu/SAP

MSU Safe Place - Relationship Violence and Stalking Program

(517) 355-1100

noabuse@msu.edu

www.safeplace.msu.edu

MSU Counseling and Psychiatry Services (CAPS)

(517) 355-8270

olin@msu.edu

<https://caps.msu.edu/>

MSU Ombudsperson

(517) 353-8830

ombud@msu.edu

www.ombud.msu.edu

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

(517) 355-4506

eap@msu.edu

www.eap.msu.edu

MSU Resources

Office of Institutional Equity

(517) 353-3922

oie@msu.edu

www.oie.msu.edu

LGBT Resource Center

(517) 353-9520

lbgtrc@msu.edu

www.lbgtrc.msu.edu

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD)

(517) 884-RCPD (4-7273)

TTY: (517) 355-1293

www.rcpd.msu.edu

Office for International Students and Scholars

(517) 353-1720

oiss@msu.edu

www.oiss.isp.msu.edu

My SSP: Student Support Program App

caps.msu.edu/services/ISSP.html

Community Resources

Personal Protection Order (PPO) Office

(517) 483-6545 (Lansing)

(517) 676-8285 (Mason)

Capital Area Response Effort (CARE)

(517) 273-7436

www.lansingmi.gov/721/Capital-Area-Response-Effort-CARE

EVE (End Violent Encounters)

(517) 372-5572 (24-hour Hotline)

www.eveinc.org

Statewide Sexual Assault Hotline

1-855-VOICES4

Let's End Campus Sexual Assault

www.mi.gov/campussexualassault

Medical Resources

Olin Health Center

(517) 353-4660

olin@msu.edu

www.olin.msu.edu

Sparrow Hospital, Lansing Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

(517) 364-3641

www.sparrow.org/SANE

McLaren-Greater Lansing Hospital, Lansing

(517) 975-6000

www.mclaren.org/lansing

Planned Parenthood

www.plannedparenthood.org

Child Resources and Services

Small Talk Children's Assessment Center

(517) 253-0728

www.smalltalkcac.org

Firecracker Foundation

(517) 742-7224

thefirecrackerfoundation.org

Gateway Youth Services

(Ages 12-21)

(517) 351-4000

www.childandfamily.org

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

National Resources

RAINN

www.rainn.org

1-800-656-4673 (HOPE)

VINELink

vinelink.com

1-800-770-7657

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

www.nsvrc.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233 (or SAFE)

www.thehotline.org

Communities United Against Violence LGBTQ Anti-Violence Org

www.cuav.org

This resource guide is not intended to be a comprehensive list. For additional resources and assistance, contact the Michigan State University Police Department Special Victims Unit at 517-355-2221.