

## **If you are a St. Cloud State University student experiencing relationship/dating violence, sexual assault, harassment, and/or stalking, there are a few things you need to know about your rights and resources.**

### **Policy Statement**

Dating and relationship violence is an intolerable intrusion into the most personal and private rights of an individual, and is prohibited at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is committed to eliminating dating and relationship violence in all forms and will take appropriate remedial action against any individual found responsible for acts in violation of this policy. Find the full policy at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/affirmativeaction/>

### **Confidentiality**

Different people on campus have different reporting responsibilities and different abilities to maintain your confidentiality depending on their roles at the university. When consulting campus resources, victims should be aware of confidentiality and mandated reporting in order to make informed choices. On campus, some resources may maintain your complete confidentiality, offering you options and advice without any obligation to tell anyone, unless you want them to. Other resources are expressly there for you to report crimes and policy violations, and they will take action when you report your victimization to them.

**If you want to speak to someone on campus and have it kept private and confidential**, you should speak with an advocate at the University Women's Center's Gender Violence Prevention Program. Other places you can go on campus for private or confidential services are the Counseling Center and Health Services. If you want to speak to someone off campus, call the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center at 320.251.4357.

You can report to the university and request confidentiality and ask to not have the complaint pursued. However, the school legally needs to take all reasonable steps to investigate and respond. The university's ability to respond may be very limited when a victim requests that the information not be disclosed to the alleged perpetrator.

The university has to weigh requests for confidentiality with the seriousness of the alleged sexual assault. If there are other complaints against the same accused student, for example, and the school can't maintain confidentiality, the university must inform the complainant.

### **Changes to academic and living arrangements**

If you living on campus you have a right to reasonable changes in your living situation and if you are living off campus and need to get away from an abuser, you can contact the Gender Violence Prevention Program at 320.308.3995 for assistance with safe housing on campus. This can typically be arranged quickly and can be short term stays or can be arranged for a longer term contract.

If you are in a class with the person that has been abusing you, academic changes can be arranged also. This can be done through the university or an advocate from the Gender Violence Prevention Program can assist with writing these arrangements into a protective order through civil court.

**Counseling and other Assistance**

Advocates can assist you with counseling or referrals to counseling on and off campus (See resources for help) and also assistance with talking or reporting to law enforcement or for filing a complaint with the campus. Advocates can also talk with you about the possibility of protective orders and campus no contact orders or trespass orders.

**Rights for Victims in the Campus Judicial Process**

You have the right to have someone accompany you to all meetings and investigative processes that occur through the campus judicial process. You also must be notified in writing of the outcome of the campus investigation, the sanctions imposed and the terms of those sanctions, the procedures to appeal the results, any change in the results before they become final and when the results become final.

**NotAlone was launched in connection with the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.**

Information for students, schools, and anyone interested in finding resources on how to respond to and prevent sexual assault on college and university campuses and in our schools. You can learn more about your rights and how to file a complaint, and view a map of resolved school-level enforcement activities.

<https://www.notalone.gov/>