

FAQs

WHAT IS TITLE IX?

Title IX is the federal law passed in 1972 that prohibits discrimination in education settings based on sex. Discrimination based on sex includes a wide variety of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and more.

WHERE CAN I FIND DEFINITIONS OF THE TYPES OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?

Definitions of all types of sexual misconduct can be found in Stevenson's [Sexual Harassment Title IX Policy](#).

WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent is voluntary, affirmative, and active agreement to a sexual activity. Sexual activity WITHOUT consent is sexual violence. Consent is:

- **Active:** Consent must be mutually understood affirmative words or actions, it can NOT be implied through silence or previous sexual or dating history.
- **Coherent:** If someone is incapacitated from alcohol or drugs, asleep, or otherwise mentally impaired, they are not able to consent to sexual activity.
- **Willing:** Consent must be given freely, it can NOT be granted under psychological, emotional, or physical force, manipulation, persuasion, or threats.
- **Ongoing:** Voluntary and affirmative agreement is necessary for every sexual activity, every time. Past consent does not apply to present or future acts, and consent can be withdrawn at any time.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEEK ASSISTANCE AND EXPLORE MY OPTIONS CONFIDENTIALLY. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

Stevenson's Mental Health Counselors and Health Care Professionals in the Wellness Center are able to provide confidential care and support. Off-campus counseling is also available through TurnAround, an organization whose mission is to provide counseling and support services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Title IX reports can also be submitted anonymously (using the "Submit a Report" link on the Title IX page), and the Title IX Coordinator can communicate with you through an intermediary so that your name will not be revealed unless you choose to reveal it.

An investigation will only proceed against your wishes if the University feels it is necessary to protect the welfare of the entire University community.

WHAT IS A S.A.F.E. EXAM?

A Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (S.A.F.E.) is typically a medical/forensic exam that includes a physical exam, genital exam, and collection of swabs and samples to preserve evidence of a sexual assault. Trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners or physicians perform the exams and can provide immediate

medical care by treating injuries and offering information about sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A S.A.F.E. EXAM AFTER A SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RAPE?

While the S.A.F.E. exam is strongly recommended, you do have the option of receiving a no-cost medical exam in the Stevenson University Wellness Center during their hours of operation. You can find more information about the Wellness Center at <https://www.stevenson.edu/student-life/health-wellness/>. The Wellness Center is not equipped to conduct S.A.F.E. exams, however.

WHAT IF I DO WANT A S.A.F.E. EXAM? HOW DO I GET TO THE HOSPITAL?

The Stevenson Security Office (443-352-4500, 24/7) or Wellness Center (443-352-4200, during open hours) can arrange for transportation to a hospital for a S.A.F.E. exam at no charge to the student. Local hospitals that can conduct S.A.F.E. exams include GBMC in Towson and Mercy Hospital in Baltimore.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT SEEING THE PERSON WHO ASSAULTED ME AND/OR HAS BEEN STALKING ME ON CAMPUS. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

If you feel unsafe, please contact the Title IX coordinator (Manuszak Center 130, 443-334-2176, dcjordan@stevenson.edu). The Title IX Coordinator can help you develop a safety plan, apply for a peace/protective order, or seek recourse through the University's student conduct system, such as instituting no-contact directives. In emergency cases, contact Campus Security (Ratcliffe Community Center, 443-352-4500)

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM IN THE SAME CLASS AS THE PERSON WHO ASSAULTED ME AND/OR HAS BEEN STALKING ME?

If you would like to discuss alternate arrangements in your class schedule, please contact the Title IX Coordinator (Manuszak Center 130, 443-334-2176, dcjordan@stevenson.edu). We want you to feel safe attending class so that you may succeed both academically and in your healing process.

I AM CONCERNED MY GRADES WILL SUFFER DUE TO EXPERIENCING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

The Title IX Coordinator (Manuszak Center 130, 443-334-2176, dcjordan@stevenson.edu) can provide academic advocacy and, with your permission, will coordinate contacting your instructors on your behalf. Tutoring services are available to all students through the Academic Link, located in Garrison Hall, 101 on the Owings Mills campus. The Link can be reached at 443-334-9300. Additionally, depending on your individual situation, you may be eligible for accommodations through the Office of Disability Services. The Office of Disability Services can be reached at 443-352-5320 or ODS@stevenson.edu.

WHAT OPTIONS DO I HAVE IF I LIVE IN THE SAME RESIDENCE HALL OR OFF-CAMPUS APARTMENT/HOME AS THE PERSON WHO COMMITTED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?

If the perpetrator lives in the same Residence Hall as you or you feel unsafe in your room, please contact the Title IX Coordinator (Manuszak Center 130, 443- 334-2176, dcjordan@stevenson.edu) who will assist you in changing rooms. If you live off-campus and feel unsafe in your home, the Wellness Center (Caves Building, 443-352-4200) may be able to assist you with finding shelter or other temporary housing.

WHAT ARE MY ON-CAMPUS OR OFF-CAMPUS OPTIONS FOR SEEKING RESOLUTION?

Three options you may wish to consider are listed below:

1. Informal resolution (other than cases involving sexual assault or cases where a student is the complainant and an employee is the respondent)
2. Formal report of sexual misconduct
3. Criminal complaint

You are encouraged to contact the Title IX Coordinator (Manuszak Center 130, 443-334-2176, dcjordan@stevenson.edu) to discuss these options further. Also, complete information regarding these options may be found in Stevenson University's [Sexual Harassment Title IX Policy](#).

WILL MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS FIND OUT?

As a general rule, Stevenson University will not notify your parents/guardians. However, with your permission, Stevenson University will communicate with them.

IF I MAKE A REPORT, WILL I GET INTO TROUBLE IF I WAS DRINKING/TAKING DRUGS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT?

Stevenson will not institute disciplinary sanctions for personal consumption of drugs or alcohol related to the incident as long as any such violations did not place the health or safety of any other person at risk. Stevenson may pursue, however, other educational remedies to protect your health and well-being.