

Options for Assistance Following an Incident of Sexual Misconduct

Immediate Assistance

If you are the victim of sexual misconduct your first priority is to get to a safe place and obtain necessary medical attention. Jacksonville University encourages the reporting of incidents which constitute a violation of law to the police or other appropriate authority. Jacksonville University can assist a victim in notifying law enforcement authorities. However, a victim has the right to decline to notify law enforcement. University support services are available regardless of whether or not the victim chooses to report the incident to the authorities. A victim of sexual misconduct is strongly encouraged to report the incident to a member of the Student Life Office staff (256-7067), the Student Counseling Center (256-7180), or the Campus Security Office (256-7585).

It is important to seek prompt medical treatment after an incident of sexual assault or violence in order to receive preventative treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and to preserve evidence. A victim of a sexual assault is cautioned not to change, remove, or dispose of clothing or disturb anything at the scene until medical care is received and the collection of any evidence is completed. The following is a list of options of where to seek medical attention or obtain a rape kit:

- The City of Jacksonville Victims Services, phone number – 630-6300
- Sexual Assault Response Center, phone number - 630-6330
- Women's Center of Jacksonville/Rape Recovery Team, address is 5644 Colcord Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32211, phone number – 722-3000 or hotline is (904) 721-7273. www.womenscenterofjax.org.

Legal Options

As a victim, you have the right to ask the State Attorney to file a criminal complaint, and you have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an injunction for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, or stalking. Jacksonville University will take all steps necessary to comply with orders of protection, "no-contact" orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal or civil court.

Counseling, Advocacy, and Support

The following counseling and support resources are available for victims of sexual misconduct, whether or not a victim chooses to make an official report or participate in the institutional disciplinary or criminal process.

- The University's Student Counseling Center offers short term counseling and referrals for victims of sexual assault.
- The City of Jacksonville Victims Services, phone number – 630-6300
- Sexual Assault Response Center, phone number - 630-6330
- Sheriff's Office Victim Services Counselor, phone number – 630-1764
- State Attorney's Office Victim-Witness Services, phone number – 630-2502
- Women's Center of Jacksonville/Rape Recovery Team, address is 5644 Colcord Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32211, phone number – 722-3000 or hotline is (904) 721-7273. www.womenscenterofjax.org.
- Florida Council Against Sexual Violence, phone number – 1-888-956-7273
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement Sexual Offender/Predator Unit – 1-888-357-7332. Any member of the Jacksonville University community who wishes to obtain further information regarding sexual offender/predators in our area may refer to the FDLE website at: [FDLE's Searchable Database](#) or by calling 1-888-FL-PREDATOR / 1-888-357-7332).
- State Attorney's Office – 630-2400
- Local Domestic Violence center, HUBBARD HOUSE. Contact 24 hours a day at (904) 354-3114 or 1-800-500-119. Website is hubbardhouse.org.

Jacksonville University will provide an individual with written notice about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for victims, both within the institution and in the community, following a report of sexual misconduct.

Academic Accommodations and Interim Measures

You have the right to request that JU provide reasonable accommodations or protective measures, regardless if you choose to report the incident to campus authorities or local law enforcement or file a formal complaint. Reasonable accommodations and protective measures include changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations, and no-contact orders. Every effort will be made to reduce the burden on the victim when deciding what accommodations and protective measures are appropriate.

Jacksonville University will provide an individual with written notice about options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures following a report of sexual misconduct.