

IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE, CONSIDER THESE FIRST STEPS

Get Help

- Get to a safe place as soon as you can.
- If you believe you or anyone else is in immediate danger, call 911 as soon as possible.
- Once you are safe, contact someone you trust to be with you for support.
- Contact a victim advocate.

Get Medical Attention

- Seek medical attention as soon as possible.
- Medical attention may be necessary to mitigate the risk of sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy.
- Even if you think you are physically OK, you may have injuries that need treatment.
- Forensic evidence can be collected if criminal action is desired or may be desired in the future.

Preserve Evidence and Seek Support

- Evidence may be used to provide proof of criminal activity or in obtaining a protection order.
- Evidence is best collected as soon as possible or within 120 hours of the assault.
- Medical and/or law enforcement personnel can assist with evidence collection and preservation.
- If you choose not to make a police report, consider preserving evidence in the event you change your mind at a later date.
- Seek support from an on-campus resource or in the community.
- Remember that self-care is an important part in coping with the event.

Consider Reporting the Incident

- Contact campus or local law enforcement.
- Report the incident to the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX.

HERE TO HELP

Protective and Supportive Measures

Grand Valley recognizes all valid orders of protection including cease and desist, no contact orders, personal protection, or similar lawful orders. If you have a valid order, please inform GVPD to receive appropriate services. The university can provide supportive measures for the complainant in the form of changes in academic or living situations, counseling, and no contact orders.

University Resolution

University resolution includes a prompt, fair, impartial investigation and hearing. Investigators and decision makers are trained annually on the issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Training also includes how to conduct an investigation that protects the safety of the complainant and promotes accountability.

Sanctions

GVSU may impose sanctions on the respondent if they are found through the resolution process to have violated policy. Sanctions may include formal reprimand, disciplinary probation, restriction from employment at the university, university housing transfer or removal, professional assessment, removal from specific courses or activities, removal or nonrenewal of academic scholarship, no contact, restitution, suspension, or expulsion from the institution.

Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking may be found to be criminal acts, which may also subject the respondent to criminal and civil penalties under federal and state law.

Information Privacy

The university will work with you to protect your privacy by sharing information with only those who need to know. You should discuss your desires regarding the sharing of information with any university employee with whom you speak, to ensure you understand their reporting obligation and what information they may be required to share.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency 911 • Nonemergency (616) 331-3255
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GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

SEXUAL ASSAULT,
DATING VIOLENCE,
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
AND STALKING

VICTIM RIGHTS, OPTIONS, AND RESOURCES



Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the university. Grand Valley is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to ensure that none of its education programs and activities discriminate on the basis of sex/gender. Inquiries regarding the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX coordinator, 4015 Zumberge Hall, titleix@gvsu.edu, (616) 331-9530. 08/24 21-0284

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Reporting Services

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

Law Enforcement

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (GVPD)

Nonemergency (616) 331-3255

Responds to and investigates incidents on the Allendale Campus, Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus, and Health Campus, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

OTTAWA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nonemergency (800) 249-0911

Responds to and investigates incidents in Ottawa County, which includes off-campus incidents in Allendale and on the GVSU Meijer Campus in Holland

GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nonemergency (616) 456-3400

Responds to and investigates incidents in the City of Grand Rapids, including the Pew Grand Rapids Campus and the Health Campus

Title IX Coordinator

4015 James H. Zumberge Hall • (616) 331-9530

Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sexual violence is considered a form of sex discrimination. Individuals are encouraged to report the incident to the Title IX coordinator.

Medical Services

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs

On-call nurse examiner programs are especially important for victims of sexual assault for evaluation, treatment, and evidence collection. They are available 24 hours a day at no cost.

YWCA OF GRAND RAPIDS

25 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-YWCA (454-9922)

RESILIENCE: ADVOCATES FOR ENDING VIOLENCE (FORMERLY CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION)

411 Butternut Dr., Holland, MI 49424
(800) 848-5991

Corewell Health (Hospital)

100 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 391-1774

Corewell Health is a full-service major trauma hospital located in downtown Grand Rapids.

Campus Health Center

Allendale Campus, Water Tower Place
10383 42nd Ave., Suite A
(616) 252-6030

The GVSU Campus Health Center offers general medical care, including physical and gynecological exams.

HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Closed Saturday-Sunday

Campus Resources

Assistance with Supportive Measures

GVSU makes available a variety of supportive measures, such as assistance in changing academic, living, transportation, and work situations or other protective measures. To discuss options and/or request a supportive measure, contact:

TITLE IX COORDINATOR

titleix@gvsu.edu • (616) 331-9530

VICTIM AND SURVIVOR ADVOCACY

(616) 331-2742

Additional Campus Resources

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

202 Lubbers Student Services Center • (616) 331-3585

VISA AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Barbara and Stuart Padnos International Center
130 Lake Ontario Hall • (616) 331-3898

HUMAN RESOURCES

1090 James H. Zumberge Hall • (616) 331-2215

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

100 Lubbers Student Services Center • (616) 331-3234

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

215 The Blue Connection • (616) 331-2490

Victim and Survivor Advocacy

Victim and Survivor Advocates assist those who have experienced relationship violence or sexual assault. A victim advocate provides resources independently of your decision to report or not report the incident to law enforcement or through the university disciplinary process. Meeting with a victim advocate does not start a formal police report. If you decide to report the incident, a victim advocate can help facilitate your connection with the appropriate campus and community offices or agencies.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

181 North C Living Center • (616) 331-2742

Community Resources

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

25 Division Ave. S, Suite 300
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 774-0672
lawestmi.org

115 Clover Ave., Suite 101
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 394-1380
lawestmich.org

Personal Protection Orders

Personal protection orders may be filed at:

OTTAWA COUNTY 20TH CIRCUIT COURT

414 Washington Ave., Suite 300
Grand Haven, MI 49417

12240 Fillmore St, Room 50
West Olive, MI 49460

(616) 846-8315

KENT COUNTY 17TH CIRCUIT COURT

180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 3500
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 632-5071

Confidential Counseling Services

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

206 Arend and Nancy Lubbers
Student Services Center (Allendale Campus)
101B Richard M. DeVos Center (Grand Rapids Campus)
(616) 331-3266

The University Counseling Center provides free and confidential help to GVSU students for a variety of personal and emotional situations, including sexual assault.

ENCOMPASS

1090 James H. Zumberge Hall • (800) 788-8630
GVSU's employee assistance program, Encompass, provides professional and confidential counseling to all employees and their household dependents.