

FAQS

ABOUT REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT

WILL MY PARENTS FIND OUT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ME? It is against federal law (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) for your school to notify anyone about your situation.

WHAT IF I AM UNDER AGE AND WAS DRINKING OR USING DRUGS WHEN I WAS ASSAULTED? No one deserves to be assaulted. Let's figure out how to get help for the sexual violence before you worry about being in trouble for alcohol and drugs.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO REPORT TO THE POLICE, BUT I WANT DOCUMENTATION THAT THIS HAPPENED? Save anything you think is helpful in the event you want to report at a later time (i.e. clothes, condoms, texts, phone logs, pictures of injuries, etc). Filing a police report is completely your choice and you can do it when you are ready. Filing a report with UHM Department of Public Safety may lead to a campus investigation. The Sex Abuse Treatment Center can help you document the incident by doing a forensic exam and holding the evidence even if you do not want to report what happened yet. A PAU Violence Program advocate can help you better understand what this all looks like.

CAN MY FRIEND COME WITH ME TO REPORT? Yes, you can request a friend or advocate to be with you while you report what happened.

WHAT IF I'M ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT? Contact your campus Title IX coordinator for services available on campus and in the community.

For more information on sexual violence prevention and advocacy services for survivors,

CONTACT THE UHM PAU VIOLENCE PROGRAM

808-956-8059

or uhmpau@hawaii.edu



IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

It is important for you to know that any sexual act committed without your consent is considered sexual assault.

WHAT HAPPENED IS NOT YOUR FAULT. You do not have to go through this alone, and most importantly, the choice to contact and tell anyone about what happened is completely up to you.

FOR A LIST OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES ON CAMPUS, please see www.hawaii.edu/titleix.

CALL A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND, OR CAMPUS ADVOCATE. UHM DPS is available 24/7 and can connect you with a counselor or advocate. Counselors and advocates are available for all students and residents of student housing.

CALL THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

808-524-7273
(24-hour hotline)

They will send a counselor to meet you at the **Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children's Emergency Room** at 1319 Punahou Street. All of their services are free and confidential. A medical examination is important because it can protect you from possible injuries, STDs, and pregnancy resulting from the assault.

The Sex Abuse Treatment Center does not require you to report the assault to the police, but may be able to hold evidence should you decide to report at a later time. Advocates at the Sex Abuse Treatment Center can assist if you decide to report to the police at that time.

YOU CAN REPORT THE INCIDENT TO DPS, especially if it happened on campus. They will provide you with a list of resources for both on and off-campus, and can assist you in filing a police report if you wish.

WHEN NOTIFIED, DPS PERSONNEL WILL ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES or those who do not use English as a first language.

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.

