

# Rights, Options, and Resources

Mizzou is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment for all members of our campus community. We encourage anyone impacted by sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and/or stalking to access support resources.

#### **Confidential Resources**

#### **On-Campus Resources**

# Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) Center

573-882-6638 | G216 MU Student Center

# **Counseling Center**

573-882-6601 | 435 Strickland Hall After hours: 573-882-6601

#### **MU Hospital**

573-882-4141 | 1 Hospital Drive (MU Hospital ER)

For the **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Clinic**, ask for the charge nurse and then ask for the SANE to be paged. You may also call 573-882-8091 prior to arriving.

#### **Student Health Center**

573-882-7481 | 1020 Hitt St.

Crisis nurse available after hours: 573-882-7481

#### **Employee Assistance Program**

573-882-6701 | 465 McReynolds Hall

Confidential resources will *not* share your information, and no action will be taken by the University as a result.

## Off-Campus Resources

#### **True North of Columbia**

Hotline, Shelter, Counseling, Advocacy 573-875-1370 | 1316 Parkade Blvd 24-hour hotline: 800-548-2480

#### **Missouri Crisis Line**

888-761-4357

Deafline: 321-800-3323 or 573-445-5035

Textline: Text HAND to 839863

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) Hotline

800-656-4673

**National Domestic Violence Hotline** 

800-799-7233

**Anonymous Crime Reporting (CrimeStoppers)** 

573-875-8477

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 

800-273-8255

**Trevor Project Lifeline** 

866-488-7386

|   | Examples may include, but are not limited to:   |  |  |
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|   | Referral and facilitating contact for counseling and other support services.  | Academic accommodations such as being allowed to change class sections or requesting extensions.                   | Limited transportation accommodations, such as being allowed to park in a different location.              |
| Supportive Measures are offered as appropriate and as reasonably available, regardless of whether a Formal Complaint is filed.        | Mutual restrictions on contact between the Parties.   | Implementing an administrative leave for an employee.  | Interim suspending a student organization's operations, University recognition, and associated privileges. |
| Contact the Office of Institutional Equity and/or the Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) Center for further assistance. | Emergency Removal from an education program or activity if, after an individualized analysis, it is determined there is an immediate safety risk. | Adjusting extracurricular activities, work schedules & assignments, supervisory responsibility, etc.               | Assistance in making a report<br>to on- or off-campus<br>Law Enforcement.                                  |
|   | Change in living arrangements such as moving to another residence hall.   | Immigration and Visa assistance<br>(ex. when changes in<br>enrollment, due to the incident,<br>affect visa status) | Providing campus escort services through MUPD. Increasing security around certain areas of campus.         |

# Filing a Report with the University

You may make a report with the University's Office of Institutional Equity and/or the applicable law enforcement agency. Each option has its own, and separate, set of procedures and potential outcomes. You may choose to pursue one or both options. You are not required to file a complaint with law enforcement. Additionally, opting not to pursue a complaint with law enforcement does not prevent you from pursuing a complaint with the University, and vice versa.

Will the information I share be kept confidential? It is important to know that the Office of Institutional Equity is not designated as a confidential office. We take privacy concerns seriously and, in accordance with policy, the information is shared only when necessary and only to those who need to know. Please see the table on page one for a list of resources that are designated as confidential.

**Can I make an anonymous report?** Yes; but, please note that it may limit the steps the University can take to address the issue. If you want to confidentially discuss filing a report (before you decide to do so), we recommend contacting the RSVP Center.

What happens after I make a report? An Equity Consultant/Investigator will contact you to discuss your options. Part of this discussion includes learning more about your particular situation and what outcome you would like to see. Not every case requires a formal investigation and the Equity Consultant/Investigator will work with you to resolve the matter in the most effective and appropriate way possible.

If there is an investigation, what does the process look like? An investigation is one part of the Equity Resolution Process. It involves informing the person being accused of the allegations (Respondent) and providing them an opportunity to respond. It also involves speaking with witnesses and collecting relevant evidence. For a high-level overview, please see the flowchart on the following page and for more detailed information, check out "Resolution Procedures" in the infobox to the right.

What is the role of the Equity Consultant/Investigator? The Equity Consultant/Investigator is a neutral party responsible for conducting a complete, thorough, and impartial investigation. To support the impartial nature of this role, the Equity Consultant/Investigator is not an advocate for either party but is available to answer questions and provide resources and accommodations throughout the process.

#### Office of Institutional Equity

573-882-3880 | 145 Heinkel Building equity@missouri.edu

Online Reporting Option: equity.missouri.edu

(May submit anonymously)

#### **RSVP Center**

573-882-6638 | G216 MU Student Center

#### **University Policies and Procedures**

The University uses procedures referred to as either the Equity Resolution Process or the Title IX Resolution Process to address reports of harassment and discrimination. The process used depends on when the reported incident occurred, and whether the person accused is a student, faculty, or a staff member. Please visit our website to review the policies and procedures that may apply to your situation. You may also contact us to discuss this information.

#### Sanctions by the University

Individuals found responsible for violating one of the University's Non-Discrimination policies may be subject to sanctions, including but not limited to:

| Students | Faculty  | Staff   |
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| Warning  | Warning—Verbal or Written • Performance Improvement Plan • Required Counseling.     Required Training or Education • Loss of Annual Pay Increase • Loss of Supervisory Responsibility     Recommendation of discipline in a training program, including recommendation of termination, suspension or other corrective or remedial actions • Suspension without pay or termination in accordance with faculty status and CRR 310.060. | Verbal or written warning • Performance Improvement Plan • Required Counseling     Required Training or Education • Loss of Annual Pay Increase • Loss of Supervisory Responsibility • Demotion • Suspension without Pay • Termination • Recommendation of discipline in a training program, including recommendation of termination, suspension or other corrective or remedial actions. |

#### **Resolution Process Overview**

This is a high-level overview of the full process. Resolution options and other procedural details will vary based on when the reported incident occurred and whether the respondent (person being accused) is a student, faculty member, or staff member. You can find more information on our website or by contacting us to schedule a time to speak.



## Filing a Report with Law Enforcement

Reports may be made to the University of Missouri Police Department or to the Police Department in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred. Law enforcement can initiate a criminal investigation and provide assistance in obtaining Orders of Protection from a court of law, which will be honored both on and off campus.

Students and employees are encouraged to file a report as soon as possible. Delays in reporting may make gathering evidence more difficult, but it may still be possible. Each person who has experienced sexual violence, relationship violence, or stalking should consider all of their options to determine what is best for their unique situation, keeping in mind that filing a police report may or may not be the best course of action. Opting not to file a police report does not prevent someone from filing a complaint with the University.

The **RSVP Center** and the **Office of Institutional Equity** can provide support if you want assistance making a report to the police.

## **Emergencies**

911

# **MU Campus Police**

573-882-7201

901 Virginia Ave.

# **Columbia Police Department**

573-874-7652

600 East Walnut

# **Boone County Sheriff's Department**

573-875-1111

2121 Country Dr.

#### **Your Rights in the Resolution Process**

Both parties have the right to:

- Be accompanied by a Support Person of your choice to all related meetings.
- Present information and witnesses.
- Be simultaneously informed in writing of the outcome of any disciplinary action.
- Be informed of the procedures and deadline for appealing the outcome.
- Be informed when such results become final.

## **MU Social Justice Centers**

#### **LGBTQ** Resource Center

G225 MU Student Center | 573-884-7750

# Women's Center

G108 MU Student Center | 573-882-6621

# **Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center**

813 Virginia Ave. | 573.882.2664

#### **Multicultural Center**

G107 MU Student Center | 573-882-7152

#### **Other MU Resources**

## **Care Team**

573-882-5543 | careteam@missouri.edu

#### **Veterans Center**

N-5 Memorial Student Union | 573-884-4383

#### **International Center**

N-52 Memorial Student Union | 573-882-6007

**Disability Accommodation**: If you are a person with a disability and believe you may need accommodations to access resources or engage in the Equity Resolution Process, please contact the Office of Institutional Equity.