

# GETTING SUPPORT

## Confidential RESOURCES

Resources designated as "confidential" allow survivors to share their experience without reporting to authorities. Conversations with SARP and other SHS staff are confidential. Students can talk to a confidential resource about an incident of sexual misconduct whether or not they decide to make an official report, participate in the University complaint resolution process, or engage with the criminal justice system.

## Campus Resources CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT

### Behavioral Medicine

617-353-3569 | [bu.edu/shs/behavioral-medicine](http://bu.edu/shs/behavioral-medicine)  
881 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215

### Office of the Ombuds

617-358-5960 | [ombuds@bu.edu](mailto:ombuds@bu.edu)  
930 Commonwealth Ave.  
Boston, MA 02215

### Student Health Services

617-353-3575 | [bu.edu/shs/](http://bu.edu/shs/)  
881 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215

*Empowerment means having the option to make the choice that is right for you.*

## SARP

### SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

SARP provides professional, rapid, **confidential**, and **free-of-charge advocacy** and **counseling** to BU students who have experienced a traumatic incident.

[bu.edu/shs/sarp](http://bu.edu/shs/sarp)

**Crisis line:** 617-353-SARP(7277)

## Student Health Services

Testing and preventative treatment against sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy (e.g. prep, plan b, etc.).

Referrals to the hospital or other emergency resources as need.

Survivors have the choice to request, accept, or decline any of the services offered.

## OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

### ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT

Some survivors may prefer or need to receive support off-campus. Local, national, and international hotlines can connect survivors to appropriate support resources. The resources listed here include 24/7 crisis support.

### Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)

800-841-8371 | [barcc.org](http://barcc.org)  
99 Bishop Allen Dr.

### RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)

800-656-hope | [rainn.org](http://rainn.org)

### No More Global Directory

<https://nomoredirectory.org/>



## REPORTING AN INCIDENT

Not all individuals who experience sexual misconduct report their experiences. Reporting to BU is not a commitment to filing a criminal complaint with the police. You can read more about your reporting options here:

[bu.edu/safety/sexual-misconduct/reporting](https://bu.edu/safety/sexual-misconduct/reporting)

### Judicial Affairs

617-358-0700 | [bu.edu/dos/ja](https://bu.edu/dos/ja) | 25 Buick St., Suite 150

Judicial Affairs' goal is to ensure students have the information they need to make informed decisions. In the initial meeting, JA describes the differences between informal resolution versus full investigations, confidential resources, the rights of all parties, supportive measures, and administrative actions.

### Equal Opportunity/Title IX

617-353-9286 | [bu.edu/eoo](https://bu.edu/eoo) | 888 Commonwealth Ave

EOO reviews reporting options, on- and off-campus resources, as well as University interim measures to ensure access for parties to continue to learn, work, or live at BU.

### Boston University Police Department

617-353-2121 | [bu.edu/police](https://bu.edu/police) | 32 Harry Agganis Way

BUPD has highly trained sexual assault investigators that would be available to provide information to any victim regarding their options and their rights. BUPD explains the criminal justice procedural process in addition to available resources. The victim always has the option to decline police intervention.

## TITLE IX

IS A PORTION OF A FEDERAL LAW THAT **PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, INCLUDING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES.** TITLE IX REQUIRES THE UNIVERSITY TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. IN ADDITION, MANY FORMS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ARE CRIMES. **NON-CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE UNIVERSITY'S TITLE IX COORDINATOR WHEN MADE AWARE OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

## RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEE

### NON-CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT

**Confidential Resources** exist so that survivors can seek support and discuss options without the obligation to report to authorities. **Responsible Employees are non-confidential support meaning they have a responsibility to report incidents of sexual assault and other types of sexual misconduct.**

**Examples of Responsible Employees include, but are not limited to:**

- Faculty/Professors
- Resident Assistants (RAs)
- Coaches
- Teaching Assistants
- Teaching Fellows

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

Sexual assault can cause disruptions to your daily life. There are supports beyond reporting, advocacy, and counseling that can help you cope with the changes you may experience. Here is a non-exhaustive list of resources that can address issues such as housing, academic struggles, and trauma-related accessibility needs.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT

- Dean of Students
- Disability access services
- Ethics Point
- International Student Services Office
- Office of Residents Life
- University Service Center

[bu.edu/shs/sarp](https://bu.edu/shs/sarp)

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**For Emergencies, Dial 911**