

OPTIONS AND RESOURCES

For Incidents of Sexual Misconduct

(Non-Title IX & Title IX Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Dating/Domestic Violence & Stalking)

Christopher Newport University (CNU) is committed to providing an environment that emphasizes the dignity and worth of every member of its community and where one is free from harassment and discrimination in admission, employment, and education programs or activities based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, military/veteran status, political affiliation, pregnancy, or any other status protected by law. This includes all forms of Sexual Misconduct (Non-Title IX & Title IX Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking). For more information and a copy of the <u>Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy</u>, please visit http://cnu.edu/titleix-eo/.

TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

Anyone who believes they have been involved in a possible incident of Sexual Misconduct (Non-Title IX & Title IX Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking) has the option (1) not to report the incident, (2) make an anonymous report, or (3) report it to one or both of the following:

CNU Police (CNUPD) www.cnu.edu/police

- CNUPD investigates and facilitates criminal prosecution to include collection of evidence.
- CNUPD can help file protective orders and facilitate medical resources.
 - o To Report: Call (757) 594-7777 or go to CNU Police Headquarters (12270 Warwick Boulevard).

Office of Title IX & Equal Opportunity (TITLE IX/EO) http://cnu.edu/titleix-eo/

- TITLE IX/EO responds to reports by providing information about the CNU Policy such as reporting options, confidentiality, CNU resources, community resources, the resolution processes (Informal and Formal), amnesty, and retaliation and will assist in filing a report/Formal Complaint with the office or CNUPD.
- TITLE IX/EO gathers information and conducts investigations under the CNU Policy.
- TITLE IX/EO will issue no-contact orders and other supportive measures when appropriate.
- TITLE IX/EO allows an advisor/support person of each party's choice at meetings and interviews where they are present and will appoint an advisor for any hearing to conduct cross-examination if a party does not have one.
- To Report:
 - o Contact the Office of Title IX and EO:
 - Dr. Amy Sirocky-Meck (Title IX Coordinator), Christopher Newport Hall 100, (757) 594-8819, amy.sirockymeck@cnu.edu
 - o Complete the online Title IX & EO Community Reporting Form.

Anonymous Report

• Reports can be made anonymously through the online <u>Title IX & EO Community Reporting Form.</u>

AMNESTY

CNU encourages the reporting of violations of the policy. Alcohol and/or drug violations should not be a deterrent to reporting or cooperating during the Resolution Process. CNU's primary focus shall be on addressing the alleged sexual misconduct and not on alcohol and drug violations that may be discovered or disclosed. CNU does not condone underage drinking or illicit drug use, however, except in compelling circumstances, CNU will extend limited amnesty from consequences related to the personal consumption of drugs or alcohol to individuals who in good faith report alleged incidents of sexual misconduct and/or participate in an investigation.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Complainants desiring details of an incident be kept confidential should speak with CNU Confidential Resources or Off-Campus Confidential Resources. If you disclose information to any CNU employee (other than the Office of Counseling Services or Health and Wellness Services), they MUST report this information to TITLE IX/EO because these employees have been designated as Responsible Employees who must report all incidents of possible sexual violence. (NOTE: Disclosures made during Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved research are not reportable.)

CNU CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

Confidential Resources will not disclose information about a report of a possible violation of the policy to CNU (including TITLE IX/EO or CNU Police) without the Complainant's permission (to the extent allowed by law). These resources are available regardless of reporting to TITLE IX/EO, CNUPD, or other law enforcement.

CNU Health and Wellness Services	(757) 594-7661 Freeman Center 1 st Floor <u>uhws@cnu.edu</u> <u>http://cnu.edu/life/health/</u>
CNU Office of Counseling Services	(757) 594-7047 Freeman Center 2 nd Floor OCS@cnu.edu http://cnu.edu/life/counseling/

OFF-CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

CNU encourages anyone involved in an incident to utilize community Off-Campus Confidential Resources. These are available regardless of reporting to TITLE IX/EO, CNUPD, or other law enforcement.

Riverside Regional Medical Center	 500 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23601 (757) 594-2000 or Emergency-Trauma Center (757) 594-2050 You may request a Sexual Assault Advocate if one is not provided. You may receive a forensic sexual assault examination by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE Nurse). Physical evidence may be usable if proper procedures are followed for evidence collection within 120 hours of the assault. http://riversideonline.com/rrmc/
Nearest Medical Facility or ER	
The Center for Sexual Assault Survivors (The Center)	 (757) 599-9844 Crisis Hotline: (757) 236-5260 Provides individual and group counseling, outreach, and information for survivors, family, and friends. http://visitthecenter.org/
Transitions	 (757) 722-2261 24-Hour Hotline: (757) 723-7774 Provides comprehensive family violence services (domestic violence/sexual assault) for Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, and York County. http://www.transitionsfvs.org/
Newport News Victim Services Unit (Commonwealth Attorney's Office)	 (757) 926-7443 2501 Washington Avenue, 6th Floor, Newport News, VA 23607 Victim advocate. https://www.nnva.gov/488/Victim-Witness-Resources
Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault 24-Hour Hotline	• Call: (800) 838-8238 • Text: (804) 793-9999
Virginia LGBTQ Partner Abuse and Sexual Assault 24-Hour Hotline	• Call: (866) 356-6998 • Text: (804) 793-9999
LGBT Life Center of Hampton Roads	 (757) 640-0929 5360 Robin Hood Road, Norfolk, VA 23513 Provider of resources, advocacy, and counseling https://lgbtlifecenter.org/
Planned Parenthood	 (757) 826-2079 Hampton Health Center, 403 Yale Drive, Hampton, VA 23666 Provider of reproductive health care and education. http://www.plannedparenthood.org/
AVALON	 (757) 258-5022 24-hour Helpline: (757) 258-5051 Center for women and children located in Williamsburg. Provides prevention, education, shelter, and support services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. http://www.avaloncenter.org/

National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN)	• 24-hour Hotline: (800) 656-HOPE (4673)
Employee Assistant Program (EAP)	 Counseling provided by all health plans offered to Commonwealth of Virginia employees and their dependents. COVA CARE and COVA HDHP (Anthem) (855) 223-9277 COVA HealthAware (Aetna) (888) 238-6232 Optima Health Vantage HMO (800) 899-8174 Kaiser Permanente HMO (866) 517-7042 http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/employeeprograms/employeeassistance

CNU NON-CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES (Deputy Title IX Coordinators)

The following individuals are trained to help identify resources and explain reporting options.

- Katie Wellbrock (Assistant VP of Student Affairs) 3rd Floor DSU Student Affairs Suite, (757) 594-7160, kathryn.wellbrock@cnu.edu
- Carrie Gardner (Associate Director of Athletics) Freeman Center 272, (757) 594-7462, carrie.gardner@cnu.edu
- Shannon Overby (Director of Human Resources Operations) 1st Floor CNU North, (757) 594-7145, shannon.overby@cnu.edu

INFORMAL RESOLUTION PROCESS

The Informal Resolution process may be used to resolve allegations of sexual misconduct, when appropriate, by taking immediate and corrective action to stop the conduct, address its effects, and prevent its recurrence without implementing a Formal Resolution and making a determination regarding a policy violation. For a full explanation, please refer to pages 27-29 (Process A) or pages 45-46 (Process B) of the *Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy*.

FORMAL RESOLUTION PROCESS

The following diagram summarizes the Formal Resolution process. For a full explanation, please refer to pages 29-44 (Process A) or pages 46-54 (Process B) of the *Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy*.

PROCESS A

INCIDENT IS REPORTED

Supportive Measures are determined (i.e., no-contact orders issued) THREAT
ASSESSMENT
REVIEW
COMMITTEE
CONVENES
WITHIN 72
HOURS OF A
REPORT OF
SEXUAL
VIOLENCE

INVESTIGATION

- Advisor of each party's choice allowed at all meetings & interviews where party is present
- · Parties interviewed
- Witnesses interviewed
- Equal access for each party to review and respond to relevant evidence and Draft Investigation Report
- Final Investigation Report provided to each party

LIVE HEARING

- Advisor of each party's choice must conduct cross-examination of other party & witnesses
- Advisor will be appointed by CNU if a party does not have one
- Decision-Maker determines if questions asked are relevant and makes finding regarding policy violation
- Relevant evidence considered
- Preponderance of the Evidence Standard
- Investigation & Hearing normally completed within 90 business days

POLICY
VIOLATION
FOUND &
SANCTIONS/
REMEDIES
ISSUED &
POSSIBLE
TRANSCRIPT
NOTATION

OR

APPEAL TO APPEALS OFFICER

NO POLICY VIOLATION FOUND

PROCESS B

INCIDENT IS REPORTED

Supportive Measures are determined (i.e., no-contact orders issued) THREAT
ASSESSMENT
REVIEW
COMMITTEE
CONVENES
WITHIN 72
HOURS OF A
REPORT OF
SEXUAL
VIOLENCE

ACADEMIC RECORD HOLD & TRANSCRIPT NOTATION IF RESPONDENT IS A STUDENT

INVESTIGATION

- Advisor/support person of each party's choice allowed at all meetings & interviews where party is present
- · Parties interviewed
- Witnesses interviewed
- Equal access for each party to review and respond to relevant evidence
- Preponderance of the Evidence Standard
- Normally completed within 90 business days

POLICY
VIOLATION
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OR

NO POLICY VIOLATION FOUND APPEAL TO APPEALS OFFICER

REPORTING TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Inquiries or complaints concerning discrimination/harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex including sexual misconduct, age, disability, or retaliation may be directed to the U. S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

OCR National Headquarters	U. S. Department of Education
	Office of Civil Rights
	Lyndon Baines Johnson Building
	400 Maryland Avenue, SW
	Washington, D.C. 20202-1100
	(800) 421-3481
	Email: OCR@ed.gov
	http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html
OCR Regional Headquarters	U.S. Department of Education
	Office of Civil Rights
	Lyndon Baines Johnson Building
	400 Maryland Avenue, SW
	Washington, D.C. 20202-1475
	(202) 453-6020
	Email: OCR.DC@ed.gov

Inquiries or complaints concerning discrimination/harassment of **employees** may also be directed to the following:

EEOC National Headquarters	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 131 Main Street NE Washington, D.C. 20507 (800) 669-4000 Email: info@eeoc.gov http://www.eeoc.gov/
EEOC Local Office	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 200 Granby Street Suite 739 Norfolk, VA 23510 (800) 669-4000 http://www.eeoc.gov/field-office/norfolk/location
Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Human Resource Management Office of Workforce Engagement (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Unit)	101 North 14 th Street, 12 th Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (800) 533-1414 http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/employee-relations/equity- diversity-and-inclusion
Commonwealth of Virginia Office of the Attorney General (Office of Civil Rights)	202 North 9 th Street Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 225-2292 <u>CivilRights@oag.state.va</u> us https://www.oag.state.va.us/programs-initiatives/civil-rights



Questions? Please contact:

TITLE IX and EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DR. AMY SIROCKY-MECK, TITLE IX COORDINATOR

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