

Sexual Violence Victim/Survivor *Bill of Rights*

The State University of New York and Empire State College are committed to providing options, support and assistance to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking to ensure that they can continue to participate in college/university-wide and campus programs, activities and employment. All victims/survivors of these crimes and violations, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status or criminal conviction, have the following rights, regardless of whether the crime or violation occurs on campus, off campus or while studying abroad:

The Right to:

- Have disclosures of sexual violence treated seriously.
- Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or incident and participate in the conduct or criminal justice process free from outside pressures from college officials.
- Be treated with dignity and to receive from college officials courteous, fair and respectful health care and counseling services.
- Be free from any suggestion that the victim/survivor is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such a crime.
- Describe the incident to as few individuals as practicable and not to be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident.
- Be free from retaliation by the college, the accused and/or their friends, family and acquaintances.
- Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice or conduct process of the college.

Options in Brief

Victims/survivors have many options that can be pursued simultaneously, including one or more of the following:

- receive resources, such as counseling and medical attention
- confidentially or anonymously disclose a crime or violation (for detailed information on confidentiality and privacy, visit www.esc.edu/affirmative-action-office for Options for Confidentially Disclosing Sexual Violence)
 - talk One-to-One, at www.studenttalkone2one.com, or 800-756-3124 (note this is a confidential service and not an official college reporting service. Information shared between a counselor and victim/survivor is not shared with the college.)
- Make a report to
 - an employee with the authority to address complaints, including:
Title IX coordinator (Mary.Morton@esc.edu, 518-587-2100, ext. 2858);
director of collegewide student services (Patricia.Myers@esc.edu, 518-587-2100, ext. 2463) or
director of campus safety and security (Mark.Jankowski@esc.edu, 518-587-2100, ext. 2800)
 - local law enforcement at 911 (from an internal college phone, dial 9911).