

# ▶ Reporting sexual assault

Sexual assaults are **vastly under-reported**. Meaning that survivors **don't come forward**.

- Because they **fear** they **won't be heard**
- Or **believed**
- Or that **reporting** their experiences **won't make a difference**

*3 out of 4 sexual assaults go unreported.*

([www.rainn.org/statistics/criminal-justice-system](http://www.rainn.org/statistics/criminal-justice-system))

**Assaults are reported nationally at even lower rates on college campuses.**

Reporting  
**does matter**  
and it  
**is important**

- Survivors need the ability to come forward, to be **heard** and to be **supported**  
This alone can help the **healing**
- And **perpetrators** of sexual violence must be **held accountable**
- So that the **cycle can be broken**
- So that it doesn't happen again. And again.

**As a victim of sexual assault or the friend of a victim, you have several choices to get support and explore options**

## Confidential Reporting

**Confidential reporting means:**

*You will be **heard** and **supported**.  
Campus **support resources**, including physical care and mental health care, will be shared.  
No one will share the incident details with anyone else.  
Not your name. Not what happened.  
Not when. Not where.*

There are places on campus where you can get **confidential help** for yourself or another:

**Arnold Health Service**  
**Counseling and Consultation Services**

**Anyone else** that you talk to on-campus who is **employed** by the University is a **private reporter**. While your **privacy** will be a **high priority** for these community members, they have a **legal obligation** to share your name with the **Dean of Students Office** or a Title IX Coordinator (as mandated by the federal government).

**Dean of Students Office**  
**IWU Campus Safety**  
**Your RA or Residence Director**  
**IWU Faculty or Staff Members**  
**Coaches**  
**Work study supervisors**

## Private Reporting

**Private reporting means:**

*You will be **heard** and **supported**.  
Campus **support resources**, including physical care and mental health care, will be shared.  
Your **privacy** will be a **high priority**  
Your experience will not be shared openly or indiscreetly.  
You'll receive **specific guidance about university responses**, accommodations, judicial processes involving IWU, and civil and criminal authorities.  
Your experience will be documented for **university reporting** purposes like publication in the annual **Clery Crimes Statistics**.*

**How might a survivor respond to Dean of Students Office contact?**

When you report privately the Dean of Students Office will **reach out** to you to discuss how we can **support** you, what **resources** are available, and what your **options** are regarding **accommodations** and/or **judicial action**.

Please keep in mind that **you can respond** to our outreach as follows:

**Ignore us** – if you don't want to talk with us, you don't have to. However, we want to support you! Regardless, you will not be compelled to meet.

**Meet to understand support resources**, but don't disclose any of the incident. Again, we want to help you!

**Share what happened, request privacy**, and **access accommodations**. This allows us to help you, but limits our ability to conduct an investigation or pursue any judicial action.

File an incident report for the purpose of **investigation** and **judicial response**

File a police report for **criminal investigation**.

The **choices** will **still be yours** regarding how to proceed, unless you are under 17 or there is a pattern of criminal behavior.

## Community Assistance & Criminal Reporting

● You can get **medical** and **mental health support** for yourself or a friend in the **community**

Carle BroMenn Emergency Room can **collect evidence** of a sexual assault and help **reduce the potential for pregnancy or STIs**.

Stepping Stones is a **survivor advocacy** organization that assists survivors with every step of recovery and surviving sexual assault.

● **Criminal reports** of sexual assault can be made to **Bloomington Police Department**

Support through this process can be obtained through a Stepping Stones survivor advocate.

**Get help.** ←  
**For yourself. For a friend.**

**Counseling and Consultation Services** —  
(309) 556-3052

**Arnold Health Services** —  
(309) 556-3107

**IWU Campus Safety** — (309) 556-1111

**Dean of Students Office** — (309) 556-3111

**Stepping Stones** — (309) 556-7000

**Bloomington Police** —  
911 or (309) 820-8888

**IWU Sexual Misconduct Policy:**  
[www.iwu.edu/title-ix](http://www.iwu.edu/title-ix)