

Amherst College SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE GUIDE

Sexual assault is never the survivor's fault.



KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Amherst College will seek to maintain your privacy at all times to ensure both individual and community safety. Students who experience an incident of sexual misconduct should consider the following immediate actions:

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Amherst College Police will assist you in obtaining medical treatment, counseling, support, and police services. The Amherst College Police report an incident to local law enforcement. Survivors will be contacted by a local police detective trained in sexual assault investigations. The police detective will work with a survivor to determine if a criminal investigation will occur and if the case will be referred for prosecution. Non-referred cases may still be investigated by the College.

Resources

Amherst College Campus Police (24/7) | 413.542.2111
Amherst Area Police (24/7) | 911
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Cooley Dickinson Hospital (24/7) | 413.582.2000

SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

Seek medical attention as soon as possible:

- 1) to treat the full extent of any injury or physical trauma
 - 2) to consider possibilities of STIs/STDs and risk of pregnancy
 - 3) to properly preserve evidence in case you decide to prosecute
- IMPORTANT:** If you bathe, douche, brush your teeth, drink or change your clothing, you may destroy evidence. If you think you may want to press charges, try to preserve evidence.

Resources

Health Services (regular hours) | 413.542.2266
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Cooley Dickinson Hospital (24/7) | 413.582.2000
UMASS Health Services (M – F, until 8 p.m., W/E 11– 5, closed holidays) | 413.577.5000
****Emergency Contraception is available at Health Services or behind the counter at any pharmacy

TRAINED, EXPERIENCED, COUNSELORS

On Campus Confidential Resources and Support

Counseling Center (24/7) | 413.542.2354
Clinicians available for scheduled appointments
Let's Talk: confidential drop in consultation with no expectation/requirement of subsequent appointments.
M, W, Th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Campus Center, room 217 or 219. (First-come, first-served basis)
Religious Life Advisors (24/7) | via campus police

Off Campus Confidential Resources and Support

Center for Women & Community (24/7) | Hampshire
County Rape Crisis Hotline 413.545.0800
Safe Passage (24/7) |
Intimate Partner Violence Hotline 413.586.5066

OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPORT

Contact parents, relatives, or close friends for support.

On Campus Resources

Administrator on Call | 413.542.2111 (via campus police)
Dean of Students Office | 413.542.2337
Resident Counselors and Area Coordinators
Dean of Student Conduct and Community Standards
Dean Gendron (regular hours) | 413.542.2337
Title IX Coordinator Laurie Frankl
(regular hours) | 413.542.5707
Title IX Deputy Coordinators (regular hours)
Amanda Collings Vann | (413) 542-5671
Jen Hughes (athletics) | (413) 542-2362

OTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- **Anonymous Reporting.** Reporting anonymously is an option. Please call 888-497-1022 or visit www.amherst.ethicspoint.com.
- **Prohibition of Retaliation.** It is a violation of college policy to retaliate in any way against a student because they raised allegations of harassment or misconduct or participated in an investigation, hearing, or resolution of those allegations. The college will take **immediate action** to any report of retaliation. An individual reporting sexual misconduct is entitled to protection from any form of retaliation following a report that is made in good faith.
- **Amnesty.** An individual who reports sexual misconduct, either as a Complainant or a third party witness, will not be subject to disciplinary action by the College for his/her own personal consumption of alcohol or drugs at or near the time of the incident, provided that any such violations did not and do not place the health or safety of any other person at risk. The College may, however, initiate an educational discussion or other educational remedies regarding alcohol or other drugs. The amnesty policy applies to the College's student conduct process.
- **Review, Investigation, and Resolution.** The College will take immediate action in all allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct to halt the misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and address the effects. Disciplinary action may include expulsion for students found responsible for committing sexual misconduct.
- **Non-disciplinarian Report.** Sometimes a student may wish to report an incident of sexual misconduct without pursuing disciplinary or legal action. Depending on the circumstances and severity of the event, the college may choose to proceed under limited circumstances. *Students are urged to keep in mind that reporting sexual violence can help prevent future acts of sexual violence.*
- **Any member of Amherst College's Title IX team can assist you with understanding your options** if you experienced sexual misconduct on another campus or if the misconduct was committed by a student enrolled at another school.

For more information, please visit: https://www.amherst.edu/aboutamherst/sexual_respect