

Stonehill College
Written Explanation of Rights and Options for Complainants of
Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking,
and Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct

This Written Explanation of Rights and Options is required to be provided to any student or employee who reports being the survivor of a VAWA offense, no matter where that offense is reported to have occurred. This document may also be offered to any student or employee who reports being the survivor of other conduct prohibited under Stonehill College's Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct and Interpersonal Violence Policy.

If you or someone you know has experienced dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other sexual misconduct, Stonehill College is here to help. You have the right to live, learn, and/or work in a safe and welcoming environment. Violence is unacceptable, and College policy prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other forms of sexual misconduct. This document outlines steps to take depending on what services you want or need. Dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking are particularly significant experiences and can be traumatizing. Each person's experience is unique, and numerous options are available for support and reporting at Stonehill College. It is important to note that there is not one correct response, simply different options to access support, and different reporting options. Your immediate and long-term safety is most important. The resources and options outlined below may be helpful as you decide what next steps are a good fit for you.

Unsure of where to start?

You may want more information or to talk to someone confidentially as you decide what you would like to do moving forward. You can access crisis counseling, information, and support by connecting with the resources listed below.

FIRST STEPS: THINGS TO CONSIDER



Are you in danger?

If yes, call 911.

Campus Police can also provide support, and their emergency line is 508-565-5555. They will coordinate transport to pick you up from your location and make plans for your next steps.

Do you need medical attention?

You can receive medical attention at any medical facility; however, certain facilities have specially trained staff to help survivors of sexual assault and/or can offer a sexual assault forensic exam (SAFE). Medical exams can also address other physical needs or trauma and assess for sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy.

The following locations near Stonehill College have sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE). Transportation may be available via Campus Police:

Brockton Hospital (<https://signature-healthcare.org>)
680 Centre St., Brockton, MA 02301
Phone: 508-941-7000

Boston Medical Center South (<https://www.bmchealthsystem.org/bmc-south>)
235 N. Pearl St., Brockton, MA 02301
Phone: 508-427-3000

For a full list of designated SANE sites in Massachusetts, visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/designated-sane-site-hospitals>.

Preservation of Evidence

It is important to preserve evidence that may be useful in obtaining a protection order or in proceeding with a criminal investigation or a disciplinary process should you choose to do so. Completing a forensic exam does not require you to file a police report or report to the institution, although we encourage these reports if you are comfortable doing so. You can choose to have evidence collected even if you choose not to make a report to law enforcement.

If you choose to have evidence collected, there are steps you can take to preserve evidence: it is recommended you do not bathe, douche, smoke, use the toilet, or clean the location where the incident occurred. Save items you were wearing at the time of the event, sheets, or towels in a paper bag. Text messages, records of phone calls, emails, messages, pictures, notes, and gifts can all be pertinent for a report of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If the offense occurred within the past 72-120 hours, seek a forensic exam promptly. Evidence collection may still be possible after some time has passed. Even if you do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers will treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease.

As time passes, evidence may dissipate or become lost or unavailable, thereby making investigation, possible prosecution, disciplinary proceedings, or obtaining protection orders related to the incident more difficult. If you choose not to make a complaint regarding an incident, you should nevertheless consider speaking with Campus Police or local law enforcement to preserve evidence in the event that you change your mind at a later date.

If you need help and are not sure if you would like to report or where to go for forensic services or other help, contact the Massachusetts SafeLink Hotline at 877-785-2020 (24/7 confidential resource providing advocacy and support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence).



EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL IMPACT

Emotions are to be expected.

Sexual misconduct, particularly dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, are significant and often traumatizing. Though each person's experience is unique, there are a wide range of emotions that may be felt over the days, weeks, months, and even years following a traumatic experience. These reactions may change over time, and it may be helpful to address them with the assistance of a trained counselor or therapist, complainant/survivor advocate, or even a trusted friend or family member.

Possible physical effects may include:

- Pain and soreness
- Injuries
- Nausea and vomiting
- Headaches
- Panic attacks
- Sleep pattern disturbances
- Insomnia or sleeping more than usual
- Loss of appetite or change in eating habits (overeating or under-eating, etc.)

Possible psychological and/or emotional effects may include:

- Impaired memory
- Shock, denial
- Irritability and anger
- Sadness and grief
- Social withdrawal
- Apathy (detachment, loss of caring)
- Hypervigilance (always on guard)
- Sleep disturbance (including nightmares)

- Flashbacks
- Difficulty concentrating
- Loss of trust in self or others
- Guilt, shame, or embarrassment
- Thoughts of suicide or death
- Diminished interest in activities or sex
- Increased interest in sexual activity



CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

Typically, the only roles considered confidential and exempt from reporting responsibilities are licensed mental health counselors, licensed medical providers, ordained clergy serving in a pastoral role, certified athletic trainers, and designated Confidential Resource Providers. These resources offer confidential support, information on options, and coordination with resources without mandatory reporting.

Confidential means that, with limited exceptions required by law (e.g., imminent harm to self or others), the information you share will not be disclosed without your permission. Private means information will be shared only with a limited circle of College employees who "need to know" to assist in assessment, investigation, and resolution.

- **Counseling Services** (licensed mental health counselors)

Location: Chapel of Mary Building, Room 113; 508-565-1331 (ext. 1 for appointments; ext. 2 for 24/7 support line).

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; after-hours support available. Services include crisis counseling, mental health screening, and referrals.
- **Health Services** (licensed medical professionals):

Location: Chapel of Mary Building; 508-565-1307.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Services include confidential medical care, STI testing, and other exams.
- **Campus Ministry** (ordained clergy/pastoral counselors):

Location: Holy Cross Chapel; 508-565-1487.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Services include spiritual counseling.
- **Athletic Trainers** (NATABOC Certified):

Location: Sports Complex, 508-565-1384

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Services for student-athletes.
- **Confidential Resource Providers:**
 - Angelo Bruno, Associate Athletic Director
Contact Information: 508-565-1005, abruno@stonehill.edu, Sally Blair Sports Complex 219F
 - Jennifer Swanson, Professor of International Business
Contact Information: 508-565-1349, jswanson@stonehill.edu, Meehan 234



IF YOU NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION

On Campus Services:

Health Services

Contact: 508-565-1307

Location: Chapel of Mary Building

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Services: Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, sexual assault forensic exam (limited), other medical exams, prescription medication/prophylaxis

Transportation: Provided by Campus Police by request

Off Campus Services:

Brockton Hospital (SANE)
Contact: 508-941-7000
Location: 680 Centre St., Brockton, MA
Services: Forensic exams, complainant response
Transportation: Provided by Campus Police by request

Boston Medical Center South (SANE)
Contact: 508-427-3000
Location: 235 N. Pearl St., Brockton, MA
Services: Forensic exams, trauma care
Transportation: Provided by Campus Police by request



QUICK GUIDE: AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The following services are intended primarily for students; employees may contact either the Title IX Coordinator or Human Resources for assistance.

ON CAMPUS	
Area	Office(s)/Contact Information
Complainant / Survivor Advocacy	Confidential Resource Providers: Angelo Bruno (508-565-1005) or Prof. Jennifer Swanson (508-565-1349) CONFIDENTIAL
Counseling & Mental Health	Counseling Services: 508-565-1331 CONFIDENTIAL
Health & Wellness	Health Services: 508-565-1307 CONFIDENTIAL Wellness Office, Roche Dining Commons 101: 508-565-1544 PRIVATE
Legal Assistance	Title IX Coordinator: Alana Clark, 508-565-1910, aclark7@stonehill.edu PRIVATE
Visa & Immigration Assistance	International Student Services: 508-565-1414 PRIVATE
Student Financial Aid	Financial Aid Office: 508-565-1088 PRIVATE
OFF CAMPUS	
Area	Office(s)/Contact Information (CONFIDENTIAL)
Complainant / Survivor Advocacy	A New Day Rape Crisis Center, Brockton: 508-588-8255 Family and Community Resources, Inc. , Brockton: 508-583-6498 SafeLink (MA Domestic Violence Hotline): 877-785-2020 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233 (thehotline.org) Love is Respect (dating violence): 866-331-9474 (loveisrespect.org)
Counseling & Mental Health	A New Day Rape Crisis Center, Brockton: 508-588-8255 Family and Community Resources, Inc. , Brockton: 508-583-6498 RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE (4673) Fenway Health's Violence Recovery Program , 617-927-6250
Health	Brockton Hospital SANE: 508-941-7000 Boston Medical Center South SANE: 508-427-3000
Legal Assistance	Victim Rights Law Center , 617-399-6720, x. 19 A New Day Rape Crisis Center, Brockton: 508-588-8255 Complainant Witness Assistance, through local District Court or SafeLink
Visa & Immigration Assistance	Victim Rights Law Center , 617-399-6720, x. 19 Catholic Charities , Brockton: 508-587-0815 National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-373-7888

Orders of Protection

You can access orders of protection within Massachusetts as well as within the College. Depending on the nature of the incident, Stonehill College may be able to issue a no contact order to prevent contact between two individuals. To request a no contact order, please contact the Title IX Coordinator (Alana Clark, 508-565-1910, aclark7@stonehill.edu) or Ali Hicks (Deputy Title IX Coordinator and Director of Community Standards, 508-565-1323, ahicks@stonehill.edu).

An Abuse Prevention Order (209A) may also be available. This is a court order that protects you from abuse by a family or household member (including dating partners). To file, contact Campus Police, your local District Court (e.g., Taunton District Court: 508-977-6000), or SafeLink (877-785-2020) for assistance. The College will comply with and enforce such orders on campus, including coordinating safety plans. Provide a copy to the Title IX Coordinator.



REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS/SUPPORTIVE MEASURES

Regardless of whether or not you choose to report to local or campus police, there are specific options available to you, if requested and reasonably available. These options and who to contact to access them are outlined below. Supportive measures are non-disciplinary services offered as appropriate, based upon the circumstances, and may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures.

Contact the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator to request these measures. These measures will be provided regardless of reporting to law enforcement and maintained as confidential to the extent possible without impairing their provision. You may also contact these offices directly.

Area Requiring Assistance	Who/How to Contact
Housing accommodations	Residence Life: 508-565-1290, Duffy 145
Academic accommodations	Accessibility Services: 508-565-1274 or Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1910
Transportation/escort accommodations	Campus Police: 508-565-5100
Working/employee accommodations	Human Resources: 508-565-1106
Financial assistance accommodations	Financial Aid: 508-565-1088
Additional supportive measures, including an institutional "no contact" order, which is enforceable through the Office of Community Standards	Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1910 or Deputy Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1323

How the College Protects Confidentiality

Stonehill College protects the confidentiality of all complainants, even if not specifically requested. A complainant's name will never be published in any public record, nor disclosed in an institutional timely warning or emergency notification. The College may disclose a complainant's name only for the purpose of implementing an accommodation but will not exceed the scope of releasing only necessary information. Non-identifying information may be shared for Clery Act compliance (statistical only). Student records are protected under FERPA.



CAMPUS DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

To make a report against a student, contact: Office of Community Standards (Ali Hicks, 508-565-1323, ahicks@stonehill.edu).

To make a report against an employee, contact: Human Resources (Lily Krentzman, 508-565-1106, lkrentzman@stonehill.edu).

The College's disciplinary process for violations of the Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct and Interpersonal Violence Policy is outlined in the Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct and Interpersonal Violence [Procedures](#). The grievance process involves either a formal or informal resolution process. The formal process includes an investigation by a trained official, a hearing, and possible sanctions up to expulsion or termination. The process is prompt, fair, and impartial, and is completed within established timeframes (typically 60-90 days), using a preponderance of the evidence standard and conducted without conflict of interest or bias. All officials involved receive annual training on the process, which promotes complainant safety and accountability.

You have the right to:

- A prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result (transparent, with timely notice of meetings and equal access to information for both complainant and respondent).
- Have others present during any institutional disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by an advisor of your choice.
- Notification, in writing, of:
 - The result of any institutional disciplinary proceeding from your report of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other sexual misconduct.
 - The institution's procedures to appeal the results.
 - Any change to the results.
 - When the result becomes final.

These rights are also afforded to the respondent. For questions, contact the Office of Community Standards or the Title IX Coordinator or Deputies.

Contact the Stonehill Title IX Team:

- Alana Clark, Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1910, aclark7@stonehill.edu, Donahue 204
- Ali Hicks, Deputy Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1323, ahicks@stonehill.edu, Duffy 142
- Lily Krentzman, Deputy Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1106, lkrentzman@stonehill.edu, Merkert Tracy 145
- Kaitlyn O'Malley, Deputy Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1434, komalley5@stonehill.edu, Sports Complex 219E
- Kristine Smith, Deputy Title IX Coordinator: 508-565-1323, ksmith18@stonehill.edu, Duffy 142

Involvement of Law Enforcement and Campus Authorities:

You have options regarding the involvement of law enforcement authorities and campus authorities. Unless you are a minor, Stonehill will not force you to speak with the police. You have the option to:

- a) Notify law enforcement authorities about what has happened to you if you would like to;
- b) Be assisted by the Title IX Coordinator or any Deputy in notifying law enforcement if you would like such assistance;
- c) Decline to notify such authorities (Stonehill will not call the police on your behalf unless you ask or there is an emergency);
- d) Make a police report (tell the responding officer you want it documented formally).

Please understand that reporting to police does not automatically mean a report to the College.

Stonehill Campus Police:

Madigan Carriage House
508-565-5555 (emergency), or dial "0" from blue light phones
508-565-5100 (business)
campuspolice-rm@stonehill.edu

Easton Police Department:

46 Lothrop St., North Easton, MA
911 (emergency)
508-230-3322 (non-emergency).

Campus Police can also help determine the correct agency, and the Title IX Coordinator or Campus Police will assist with notifying local police if desired. When contacting law enforcement, complainants should try to follow the "Preservation of Evidence" guidance above. Complainants are encouraged to save communications, pictures, logs, and documents useful to administrators, investigators, or police.

This document is provided in compliance with the Clery Act (20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(B)) and Massachusetts law. For specific situations, contact the Title IX Coordinator. Available in other languages upon request. Last updated: January 22, 2026.