

**Texas Christian University** is committed to providing a learning environment free from discrimination and hostility. Sexual misconduct creates a hostile environment incompatible with TCU's mission to educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community, and it will not be tolerated.

### **What is sexual misconduct?**

**Sexual misconduct**, includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual exploitation, gender-based stalking, and gender-based relationship violence. Although sexual misconduct often includes unwanted or nonconsensual sexual contact, sexual contact is not necessary for an act to be considered sexual misconduct. Sexual misconduct directed toward a student by another student, a TCU employee or a third party is prohibited by Title IX and by TCU.

### **What is sexual assault?**

**Sexual assault** includes sexual intercourse with a person without that person's consent, and all other sexual contact with a person without that person's consent.

### **What is consent?**

**Consent** to sexual activity is a knowing and voluntary agreement between the participants to engage in sexual activity.

- Consent cannot be given by a person who is asleep or physically or mentally incapacitated by alcohol, drug or other intoxicant.
- Consent cannot be compelled by force, threat of force, intimidation, deception, or coercion.
- Consent to some sexual acts does not imply consent to others, and past consent to sexual activity does not imply future consent.
- Consent is informed and voluntary and can be revoked at any time and for any reason.



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## **What to Do in Case of Sexual Assault**

### **Find Someone You Trust**

As soon as you are out of the situation, find someone you trust who can provide emotional support and help identify courses of action.

### **Notify the Police**

If you are on campus, call the TCU Police. If you are off campus, call 911 to reach the police in your area.

### **Seek Medical Attention Immediately**

Even if you decide not to contact police, medical attention is important. At John Peter Smith or THR Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, a certified SANE nurse can provide care and an exam that preserves evidence. A TCU representative can accompany you if you choose.

### **Preserve Evidence Before the Exam**

Do not bathe, shower, or use toothpaste or mouthwash; wrap clothing, bed sheets or pillows in a clean sheet or paper bag.

### **Seek Support**

For support and assistance, contact:

**TCU Campus Life - Dean's Office & Victim Advocate Program**

817-257-7926

[www.campuslife.tcu.edu](http://www.campuslife.tcu.edu)

**TCU Counseling & Mental Health Center**

817-257-7863

817-257-SAFE (7233) - 24 Hour Hotline

[www.counseling.tcu.edu](http://www.counseling.tcu.edu)

**TCU Religious & Spiritual Life**

817-257-7830

[www.faith.tcu.edu](http://www.faith.tcu.edu)

# Know Your Rights and Options

**If you have experienced sexual misconduct, we want you to fully understand your rights as a victim. We support you and respect your individual choices and decisions. You have the right to:**

Seek medical care and/or counseling on-campus or off-campus whether or not you report sexual violence.

Choose to report the incident to TCU Police (817) 257-7777, the Fort Worth Police Department 911 or (817) 335-4222, and/or Campus Life (817) 257-7926.

Pursue criminal charges through the district attorney's office and/or implement the TCU Discipline Process at the same time.

Request a no-contact order and/or changes in academic and living situations after an alleged sexual assault.

Change your mind and choose to report an incident at a later date if you desire.

Confidentiality – Licensed counselors of the University are privileged and are not bound to report information you disclose, except as state law requires. Any other TCU employee informed of an allegation of sexual misconduct is required to file a report with Campus Life, TCU Title IX Compliance Officer, or the TCU Police Department.

## Campus and Community Resources

TCU Police Department (24-Hour Service)	817-257-7777	Fort Worth Police (24-Hour Service)	911 817-335-4222 (non-emergency)
TCU Campus Life Dean's Office	817-257-7926	Rape Crisis & Victim Services (24-Hour Service)	817-927-2737
TCU Counseling Center	817-257-7863	John Peter Smith Hospital (JPS) (24-Hour Service)	817-702-3431
TCU Health Center	817-257-7940	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital (24-Hour Service)	817-250-2000
TCU Title IX Compliance Officer	817-257-5557	Tarrant County District Attorney	817-884-2740
TCU Victim Advocate Program	817-257-7926	Safe Haven (24-Hour Service)	1-877-701-7233
TCU Religious & Spiritual Life	817-257-7830	TCU International Student Services	817-257-7292
TCU Counseling Hotline (24-Hour Service)	817 257-SAFE (7233)	TCU Financial Services	817-257-5016

## TCU Discipline Process

### Initial Report & Inquiry

- You are encouraged to report so that prompt action can be taken.

### Investigation

- Campus Life conducts a fair and impartial investigation as appropriate. The complainant and accused are both interviewed.

### Formal Hearing & Decision

- Hearing is conducted before a discipline panel. The panel will determine if sexual misconduct has occurred and will decide sanctions.

### Appeal

- Both a complainant and accused may appeal the panel decision and/or sanctions.

### Resolution

- All efforts will be made to complete the formal process within 60 days.