



# A Guide for Whitman College Community Members on Sexual Misconduct

Your Rights, Options and  
Available Support

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# Important Steps After Experiencing Sexual Assault

If you have just experienced sexual assault:

## 1. Get to a Safe Place

Call **509-529-9922** to reach a victim advocate who can offer confidential support. The advocate can provide medical, legal and court advocacy.

## 2. Preserve Evidence

If possible, avoid showering, changing clothes or eating before seeking medical care. These steps can help preserve evidence.

## 3. Seek Medical Attention

Even if you're unsure about reporting the assault, it's important to get medical care within three days to collect evidence and treat potential injuries or STIs. A medical practitioner can treat injuries, provide emergency contraception and offer medication to prevent sexually transmitted infections. The victim advocate can walk you through this process.

Walla Walla Medical Care:

Providence St. Mary Medical Center  
401 Poplar St., Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-897-3320

## 4. File a Report When Ready

You can report the incident to Whitman College via **whitman.edu/assist** or the Walla Walla Police Department (WWPD) at **509-527-1960**. Please note that reporting an incident to the police and preserving evidence doesn't require filing a criminal complaint but keeps the option open to do so later. The WWPD Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services Coordinator is available to help you understand your legal options. You can contact them at **509-524-4400**.

## 5. Seek Supportive Measures

Regardless of whether you file a formal complaint, Whitman College can provide no-contact orders, academic accommodations and other supportive measures through the Title IX Office. The Title IX Coordinator (**titleix@whitman.edu**) will assist you in coordinating this support.

# **Understanding Sexual Misconduct and Your Rights**

## **What Is Sexual Misconduct?**

Sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence and stalking, violates Whitman College's Title IX Sexual Harassment and Sex Discrimination Policy and federal laws like the Clery Act and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Forms of Sex Discrimination Include:

- **Sexual Harassment:** Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.
- **Sexual Assault:** Any nonconsensual sexual contact.
- **Dating Violence:** Abuse in a romantic relationship to control a partner.
- **Domestic Violence:** Violence by a current or former spouse or intimate partner.
- **Stalking:** Repeated, unwanted attention that causes fear for personal safety.

## **What Are My Rights?**

If you are a victim of sexual misconduct, you have the right to:

- Report the offense to campus authorities or law enforcement.
- Request supportive measures like class schedule adjustments, housing changes and no-contact orders.
- Seek medical, emotional and legal assistance.
- Receive a written explanation of your rights and options.

## Reporting Options

You can report sexual misconduct in the following ways:

**Title IX Office:** Receive guidance, supportive measures and assistance in navigating the college's complaint process.

- **Cassandra Beccai**, Director of Equity and Compliance | Title IX Coordinator  
Memorial Building 301  
beccaic@whitman.edu | 509-522-4314
- **Cara Setchell**, Associate Director of Human Resources  
Memorial Building 105  
setchecl@whitman.edu | 509-527-5970

**Confidential Resources:** These individuals provide confidential services and are not required to report information to the college.

- **Sexual Assault Victim Advocate**  
Hunter Building 406  
sava@ywcaww.org | 509-876-7075
- **Counseling Center**  
counseling@whitman.edu | 509-527-5195
- **Health Center**  
healthcenter@whitman.edu | 509-527-5195
- **Interfaith Chaplain**  
Reid Campus Center 230  
kirtleam@whitman.edu | 509-522-4449

**Anonymous Reporting:** Report concerns anonymously via **whitman.edu/assist**. However, please note that anonymity may limit the college's ability to respond.

**Involvement of Law Enforcement.** You have the option to:

- Report the crime to local law enforcement or campus security.
- Decline to notify the authorities.
- Be assisted by campus authorities in reporting to law enforcement if you choose.
- To file a report with the Walla Walla Police Department call 509-527-1960. To file a complaint with campus security, call 509-527-5777.

## On-Campus Resources for Survivors

Whitman College is committed to supporting survivors of sexual violence. Victimized individuals are entitled to receive information on the following services:

- **Employee Assistance Program**  
canopywell.com  
info@canopywell.com | 800-433-2320
- **Campus Security**  
security@whitman.edu | 509-527-5777
- **LGBTQIA+ Student Services**  
Reid Campus Center 218  
lgbtqia@whitman.edu | 509-527-5596
- **Academic Resource Center & Disability Support**  
Olin Hall 334  
arc@whitman.edu | 509-527-5213
- **Intercultural Center Food & Clothing Pantry**  
Glover Alston Intercultural Center 207  
interculturalcenter@whitman.edu | 509-527-5177

## Off-Campus Resources for Survivors

- **YWCA of Walla Walla:** support for victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse.  
213 First St., Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-525-2570, 509-529-9922 (24/7)
- **Blue Mountain Health Cooperative:** free and low cost confidential counseling services.  
509-973-5788  
www.bluemountainhealthcooperative.org  
bluemthealthcooperative@gmail.com
- **Walla Walla Planned Parenthood:** sexual health and reproductive services.  
228 W. Birch St., Walla Walla, WA 99362  
866-904-7721
- **DV/SA Services Coordinator**  
Chalese Rabidue  
509-524-4400  
crabidue@wallawallawa.gov
- **Domestic Violence Protection Order Clinic**  
Walla Walla County Courthouse  
315 W. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362  
Monday–Friday, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

# We are here to help.

You deserve to feel safe and supported. Whitman College is committed to providing a respectful, compassionate response to sexual misconduct and discrimination.



For more information,  
please visit:

[whitman.edu/titleix](https://whitman.edu/titleix)



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Memorial Building 301

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