

VAWA

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT



VAWA IS FOR EVERYONE

Protecting all students, faculty, staff, administration regardless of orientation and/or identity.

ABOUT VAWA

This Act was established to address and reduce incidents of relationship violence, stalking, and sexual violence by coordinating community response, providing funding for rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters, and providing rights to those who experience these crimes.

HOW TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE

Preserve evidence if you intend to report the incident

- Do not wash bedding, towels, clothing
- Do not erase voicemails, texts, or emails
- Avoid bathing, showering, brushing teeth
- Avoid eating, drinking, using the toilet
- Avoid cleaning the crime scene

YOUR RIGHTS UNDER VAWA

You have the right to report the incident, or not, to law enforcement, to the University, or to any confidential campus resources

You do not need to report an incident to police to receive protective measures from the University

Protective measures may include but are not limited to risk assessment, safety planning, on-campus housing or workplace accommodations, no contact orders, class changes

Disciplinary proceedings will be prompt, fair, and impartial. Every case is unique and will vary in length

Proceedings conducted by officials who receive annual training on these specific crimes, conducting an investigation, protecting victim safety and promoting accountability

The Complainant and Respondent have the same rights, including the right to be accompanied to any proceedings by an advisor of their choice

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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