Student Resources and Reporting Options for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence

BSU: www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/affirmative-action/
NTC: www.ntcmn.edu/about/administration/affirmative-action/
What is sexual violence?

Sexual Violence is a broad term that refers to a continuum of conduct that includes sexual assault, non-forcible sex acts, dating and relationship violence, stalking, as well as acting ads of sexual violence.

- **Sexual assault** refers to an actual, attempted, or threatened sexual act with another person without that person’s affirmative consent. Sexual assault is often a criminal act that can be prosecuted under Minnesota law and can also result in discipline for students through the student conduct process or for employees through established procedures. It includes but isn’t limited to:
  - Violent or non-violent conduct and other forms of sexual harassment.
  - Intentional, unlawful contact between an individual and their intimate partner.
  - Forceful or non-consensual sexual contact.
  - Non-consensual sexual activity.
  - Non-consensual sex acts.

- **Stalking** is defined as directed at a specific person that is unwanted, uncalled for, or unexpected and that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

- **Non-consensual sex acts** include unlawful sexual acts where consent is not present, such as sexual contact with an individual under the statutory age of consent, as defined by Minnesota law, or between persons who are related to each other within degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Was there affirmative consent?

Consent is informed, freely given, and mutually understood willingness to participate in sexual activity that is expressed by clear, unambiguous, and affirmative words or actions. It is the responsibility of the person who wants to engage in sexual activity to ensure that the other person has consented to engage in the sexual activity. Consent must be present throughout the entire sexual activity and can be revoked at any time.

Consent is not present if:

- Sex occurs, but the acts were not consensual.
- The complainant was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- The complainant was under the influence of medication.
- The complainant was passed out, unconscious, or incapacitated.
- The complainant did not give express or implied consent.
- The person being assaulted did not have the ability to give consent.
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What can I go for help if I have experienced sexual violence?

**EMERGENCY/URGENT ASSISTANCE FOR MY SAFETY**

Call 911: If you have been the victim of a sexual assault, you should seek medical attention from the Sanford Bemidji Hospital or Bemidji State University Health Services at the Student Center for Health and Counseling immediately regardless of whether you report the matter to the police.

**TO GET MEDICAL HELP**

The Student Center for Health and Counseling provides STD screenings and pregnancy tests. If you wish to have an evidence collection kit (“rape kit”), you can do so at Sanford Bemidji Hospital. If possible, do not shower, brush your teeth, urinate, eat, drink or change clothes. Medical resources include:

- Examinations by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner – Sanford Bemidji Hospital, 218.332.5596, 1300 Anne Street NW, Bemidji, MN
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**TO TALK**

Professional counselors in the Student Center for Health and Counseling can provide you with support while allowing you the time and space you need to process what has happened and can provide you with basic information about your options and available resources. Support Within Reach Sexual Violence Resource Center also provides services are available 24 hours a day to women, children, and men who have experienced sexual violence directly or indirectly and prevention education is provided for the community. Contact information for these resources:

- **Student Center for Health and Counseling** – 218.755.6205, Cedar Hall First Floor, BSU
- **Support Within Reach Sexual Violence Resource Center** – 218.444.9524 OR 800.708.2272, 1510 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji, MN
- **The Student Center for Health and Counseling is also available for other mental health and counseling concerns. Other resources available include:**
  - **Suicide Prevention – Local Counseling Crisis Line** – 1.800.422.0045
  - **Text “MN” to 741741**  
  - **TO UNDERSTAND THE UNIVERSITY’S TITLE IX INVESTIGATION PROCESSES:**
  - **The Title IX Office investigates all reports of sexual assault and relationship violence and serves as a neutral party during the process. Upon request, the Title IX Coordinator can provide an individual to be present with you during the investigation and help you understand investigatory processes and procedures. Contact information for Travis Greene is as follows:**
  - **Travis Greene, Associate Vice President for Student Life & Success, 218.755.2075, 313 Deputy Hall, BSU**

How can I report a concern?

Students who wish to report a concern may seek assistance from staff listed as “non-confidential.” These staff include Campus Safety Officers, Housing and Residence Life staff, the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Success (Travis Greene), advisors to recognized student organizations, athletic coaches. These individuals will protect your privacy by limiting the people with whom they share what you tell them; however, they cannot guarantee your confidentiality, as they must notify the Title IX Coordinator. They also will explain your options and resources and attend to your immediate needs for safety and interim measures (e.g., no contact orders, housing and academic accommodations, counseling, escort). Here is contact information for these resources:

- **Department of Public Safety – 218.755.3888, Walnut Hall, BSU**
- **Bemidji Police Department – 218.333.9111, 613 Minnesota Avenue, Bemidji, MN**
- **Housing and Residence Life – 218.755.3750, Walnut Hall, BSU**
- **Dr. Randy Ludeman, Director of Housing and Residential Life – 218.755.3750, Walnut Hall, BSU**
- **Travis Greene, Associate Vice President for Student Life & Success, 218.755.2075, 313 Deputy Hall, BSU**

As a reminder, persons who report sexual assault and relationship violence or who cooperate with investigations of such reports are protected from retaliation under the university’s 18.3 Sexual Violence policy.

Sexual assault and relationship violence also are crimes and if you are on campus, contact the Department of Public Safety, Bemidji Police Department a Campus Security Authority, or Title IX Coordinator as soon as possible after the offenses. If you are off campus, you may file a police report with the appropriate law enforcement agency. A criminal investigation does not relieve the university of its obligation to respond under Title IX, and both a criminal and university investigation may proceed at the same time.

Who can explain the Title IX investigation process and procedures?

You are encouraged to contact Travis Greene, Associate Vice President for Student Life & Success. The Associate Vice President for Student Life & Success will investigate all reports of sexual assault and relationship violence and ensure the provision of interim measures and final administrative remedies. Contact information for Mr. Greene is as follows:

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In certain rare circumstances where it is necessary to ensure your safety and that of the university community, the university may be obligated to investigate lesser incidents of sexual assault and relationship violence, even if you may not feel ready. Such a decision would be discussed with you in advance, however, and the university would ensure that you have a support person throughout the process.

What help is available for me if I have been accused of Sexual violence or relationship abuse?

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