



BOSTON UNIVERSITY TITLE IX POLICIES

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Title IX and Boston University

Title IX: Federal civil rights law administered through the US Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, which *prohibits sex discrimination at colleges and universities that receive federal funds*

Sex discrimination:

- Sexual misconduct
- Sexual harassment
- Sexual violence



Title IX and Boston University

Boston University is committed to providing an environment free from all types of sex discrimination and take immediate and effective steps to respond to incidents

Title IX applies to students, faculty and staff

Title IX website bu.edu/safety lists policies and procedures

- examples of prohibited conduct
- mechanisms for reporting incidents
- procedures for resolution of complaints

The University is required by law to respond promptly and effectively to all reports of sexual misconduct.



Title IX and Boston University

BU Title IX Coordinator

Jessica Nagle

nagle@bu.edu (617 353-0911)

MED Deputy Coordinators

Karen Symes symes@bu.edu (617 358-4578; 4429)

Gwynneth Offner goffner@bu.edu (617 358-9541)

Coordinators can provide assistance with:

- Questions about resources, policies, procedures
- Handling of a situation involving sexual misconduct
- Administrative measures to alleviate a difficult situation
- Advising someone who has shared a concern about sexual misconduct

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Get to a safe place
BMC Emergency Department

Contact BUPD:
MED Campus: 617 638-4935
CRC: 617 353-2121

bu.edu/sarp

The Sexual Assault Response & Prevention Center (SARP) compassionately responds to survivors of trauma and prevents interpersonal violence through awareness and education.

SARP provides free-of-charge counseling and advocacy to Boston University students who have experienced a traumatic event. We respond to traumas such as sexual assault, dating violence, and other types of interpersonal violence. Discussions with SARP counselors are confidential and do not trigger a complaint to the University. To file an official complaint with the Offices of Equal Opportunity or Judicial Affairs please see the [EEO/TIX website](#), the [safety website](#) or use this [complaint form](#).

SARP Clinical Services include

- Crisis line available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week: 617-353-SARP (7277)
- Medical, legal, and academic advocacy
- Individual counseling and referrals to community providers
- [Group counseling](#)

Learn More

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

1

Unwelcome physical contact

2

Unwelcome attention

3

Unwelcome verbal/electronic communications related to or disparaging of a person or group's gender, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression

Contact MED Title IX Coordinator for help and resources

Gwynneth Offner or Karen Symes
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- You are not obligated to take any further action
- Faculty, staff, TAs are required by law to report any incident of sexual misconduct to BU Title IX Office

CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

SARP

Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Center

sarp@bu.edu

617 353-7277

University Chaplain

617 353-3560

Student Health Services-Behavioral Health

617 353-3569

BU Ombuds

Francine Montemurro/Adam Kleinberger

fmonte@bu.edu or abklein@bu.edu

617 358-5960/617 638-7645




SEXUAL HEALTH & MISCONDUCT PREVENTION

Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training

The required online Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training teaches students information and skills to safely intervene in situations that may lead to sexual violence, and it discusses students' rights and responsibilities related to sexual misconduct.

How can I access the training?

1. You will receive a direct link to the training in emails from automated-message@everfi.net 
2. You can go to the [StudentLink](#) Compliance page to find a link to your training

You will need to have your [BU login and Kerberos password](#) to log into the training.

bu.edu/shs/wellness/our-programs/sexual-health-misconduct-prevention/



STATUS OF TITLE IX

While the details of the adjudication process are under review, there are no changes to procedures for reporting or resources for confidential or non-confidential options.