

# IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE, CONSIDER THESE FIRST STEPS

## Get Help

- Get to a safe place as soon as you can.
- If you believe you or anyone else is in immediate danger, call 911 as soon as possible.
- Once you are safe, contact someone you trust to be with you for support.
- Contact a campus victim advocate.

## Get Medical Attention

- Seek medical attention as soon as possible.
- Medical attention may be necessary to mitigate the risk of sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy.
- Even if you think you are physically OK, you may have injuries that need treatment.
- Forensic evidence can be collected if criminal action is desired or may be desired in the future.

## Preserve Evidence

- Evidence may be used to provide proof of criminal activity or in obtaining a protection order.
- Evidence is best collected as soon as possible or within 120 hours of the assault.
- Medical and/or law enforcement personnel can assist with evidence collection and preservation.
- If you choose not to make a police report, you should still consider preserving evidence in the event you change your mind at a later date.
- Seek counseling support from one of the on-campus resources or in the community.
- Remember that self-care is an important part in coping with the event.

## Consider Reporting the Incident

- Contact campus or local law enforcement.
- Report the incident to the Title IX Office.

## HERE TO HELP

### Protective Measures

Grand Valley recognizes all valid orders of protection including cease and desist, no contact orders, personal protection, or similar lawful orders. If you have a valid order, please inform GVPD to receive appropriate services. The university can provide protective measures for the complainant in the form of changes in academic or living situations, counseling, and no contact orders.

### University Disciplinary Process

The university disciplinary process includes a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and resolution process. Investigators are trained annually on the issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and they are taught how to conduct an investigation that protects the safety of the complainant and promotes accountability.

### Sanctions

The Dean of Students Office may impose sanctions on the respondent following a final determination of a Title IX investigation for sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking. Sanctions include formal reprimand, disciplinary probation, restriction from employment at the university, restorative justice project, university housing transfer or removal, professional assessment, removal from specific courses or activities, removal or nonrenewal of academic scholarship, no contact, restitution, suspension, or expulsion from the institution.

Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking may be found to be criminal acts, which may also subject the respondent to criminal and civil penalties under federal and state law.

### Information Confidentiality

The university will work with you to protect your privacy by sharing information with only those who need to know. You should discuss your desires regarding the sharing of information with any university employee with whom you speak, to ensure you understand their reporting obligation and what information they may be required to share.

**GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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SEXUAL ASSAULT,  
DATING VIOLENCE,  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
AND STALKING

VICTIM RIGHTS,  
OPTIONS, AND  
RESOURCES



Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the university. 8/19.

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## Reporting Services

FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911

### Law Enforcement

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#### GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (GVPD)

Nonemergency (616) 331-3255

Responds to and investigates incidents on the Allendale Campus, Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus, and Health Campus, 24-hours a day, seven days a week

#### OTTAWA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nonemergency (800) 249-0911

Responds to and investigates incidents in Ottawa County, which includes off-campus incidents in Allendale and on the GVSU Meijer Campus in Holland

#### GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nonemergency (616) 456-3400

Responds to and investigates incidents in the City of Grand Rapids, including the Pew Grand Rapids Campus and the Health Campus

### Title IX Coordinator and Equity Officer/Director

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4000 James H. Zumberge Hall • (616) 331-9530

Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sexual violence is considered a form of sexual discrimination. Individuals are encouraged to report the incident to the Title IX office with the Title IX coordinator and equity officer/director.

## Medical Services

### Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs

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On-call nurse examiner programs are especially important for victims of sexual assault for evaluation, treatment, and evidence collection. They are available 24-hours a day at no cost.

#### YWCA OF GRAND RAPIDS

25 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 776-RAPE (776-7273)

#### RESILIENCE: ADVOCATES FOR ENDING VIOLENCE (FORMERLY CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION)

411 Butternut Dr., Holland, MI 49424  
(800) 848-5991

### Spectrum Health (Hospital)

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100 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 391-1774

Spectrum Health is a full-service major trauma hospital located in downtown Grand Rapids.

### Campus Health Center

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Allendale Campus, Water Tower Place  
10383 42nd Ave., Suite A  
(616) 252-6030

The GVSU Campus Health Center offers general medical care, including physical and gynecological exams.

#### HOURS

Mon. and Thurs.: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Tues., Wed., and Fri.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

## Campus Resources

### Assistance with Protective Measures

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A variety of advocate services are available to help with requests for protective measures, such as assistance in changing academic, living, transportation, and work situations or other protective measures. To request a protective measure, contact one of the following:

#### TITLE IX COORDINATOR AND EQUITY OFFICER/DIRECTOR

(616) 331-9530

#### CAMPUS VICTIM ADVOCATE

(616) 331-2748

### Additional Campus Resources

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#### DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

202 Lubbers Student Services Center • (616) 331-3585

#### VISA AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Barbara H. Padnos International Center  
130 Lake Ontario Hall • (616) 331-3898

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

1090 James H. Zumberge Hall • (616) 331-2215

#### FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

100 Lubbers Student Services Center • (616) 331-3234

#### DISABILITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

4015 James H. Zumberge Hall • (616) 331-2490

### Campus Victim Advocate

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Trained campus victim advocates assist those who have experienced relationship violence or sexual assault. The campus victim advocate provides resources independently of your decision to report or not report the incident to law enforcement or through the university disciplinary process. If you decide to report the incident, the campus victim advocate can help facilitate your connection with the appropriate campus and community offices or agencies.

#### GAYLE R. DAVIS CENTER FOR WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

1201 Russel H. Kirkhof Center • (616) 331-2748

## Community Resources

#### LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

89 Ionia Ave. NW, Suite 400  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 774-0672  
[legalaidwestmich.org](https://legalaidwestmich.org)

### Personal Protection Orders

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Personal protection orders may be filed at:

#### OTTAWA COUNTY 20TH CIRCUIT COURT

414 Washington Ave., Suite 300  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 846-8320

#### KENT COUNTY 17TH CIRCUIT COURT

180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 3500  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 632-5071

## Confidential Counseling Services

#### UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

204 Arend and Nancy Lubbers  
Student Services Center • (616) 331-3266

The University Counseling Center provides free and confidential help to GVSU students for a variety of personal and emotional situations, including sexual assault.

#### ENCOMPASS

1090 James H. Zumberge Hall • (800) 788-8630

GVSU's employee assistance program, Encompass, provides professional and confidential counseling to all employees and their household dependents.

# VICTIM RIGHTS, OPTIONS, AND RESOURCES

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## Detroit Center

**Law Enforcement - Detroit Police Department**

(313) 267-4600

**Medical Services - Wayne County SAFE Program**

2727 Second Ave, Suite 300,

Detroit, MI 48201

(313) 964-9701

**Personal Protection Orders - Wayne County Clerk's Office**

2 Woodward Ave, Suite 928

Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 224-6262

## Muskegon Regional Center and Research Centers

**Law Enforcement - Muskegon County Sheriff's Office**

(231) 724-6351

**Medical Services - Mercy Health**

1700 Clinton St.

Muskegon, MI 49441

(231) 728-4936

**Mercy Health Mercy Campus**

1500 East Sherman Blvd.

Muskegon, MI 49441

(231) 672-3916

**Personal Protection Orders - 14th Circuit Court**

990 Terrace St. 3rd floor

Muskegon, MI 49442

(231) 724-6234

# Traverse City Regional Center

**Law Enforcement - Grand Traverse Sheriff's Office**

Nonemergency: (231) 922-4550

**Medical Services - Munson Medical Center SANE Program**

1105 6th St.

Traverse City, MI 49684

(231) 935-5000

**Personal Protection Orders - 13th Circuit Court Family  
Division**

280 Washington St, Suite 202

Traverse City, MI 49684

(231) 922-4640



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