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 only with 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.

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.
Medical Services

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs
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)
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
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.

Campus Victim Advocate
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

Campus Resources

Assistance with Protective Measures
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

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

Community Resources

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
89 Ionia Ave. NW, Suite 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 774-0672
legalaidwestmich.org

Personal Protection Orders
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 Andez 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.
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