

Notice of Rights and Resources for Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking (DVSAS)

If you are reporting an incident involving dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (DVSAS), New York Law School (NYLS) wants you to know your rights and options, and the resources available to you. We care about your well-being and take your report extremely seriously. DVSAS is unacceptable and can be traumatizing, and NYLS policy strictly prohibits it. It is your choice whether to report the incident to law enforcement, or to pursue a formal complaint with NYLS. It is important to note there is no one correct response—your immediate and long-term safety is what's most important.

FIRST THINGS TO CONSIDER

Are you in danger? If yes, call 911 or Campus Security at 212.431.2859

Do you need medical attention? If yes, the closest hospital to the NYLS campus is:

- New York Presbyterian, Lower Manhattan Hospital, 170 William Street, New York, NY. The ER is open 24 hours and can be reached at 212.312.5000.

Other nearby hospitals with 24-hour ERs include:

- NYC H+H, Bellevue, 462 1st Ave, New York, NY, 212.562.4141
- NYU Langone, 570 First Avenue, New York, NY, 212.263.5550
- NYU Cobble Hill, 70 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 646.754.7900
- Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, 374 Stockholm St, Brooklyn, NY, 718.963.7272



PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

If the incident involved sexual assault or physical violence, preserving evidence may be important for criminal prosecution or institutional proceedings. Preserving evidence does **not** require you to report the incident.

- Seek medical care as soon as possible.
- Avoid bathing, showering, washing your hands or face, changing clothes, eating, drinking, or brushing teeth prior to a medical exam, if possible.
- Do not wash or launder clothes, bed linens, or any other items that may contain bodily fluids, DNA, hair, etc. of the perpetrator. It is always best not to touch these items. If you plan to report the incident to the police, alert them to the items when they arrive. If you are undecided on reporting the incident and you must touch these items, use gloves before handling the items. Save clothing or items involved in a paper bag (not plastic).
- Preserve electronic evidence such as texts, emails, social media messages, ride-share app communications, or call logs.

REPORTING OPTIONS

You have the right to choose whether or not to report the incident.

Law Enforcement

- You may report the incident to local law enforcement by calling 911.
- You may decline to notify law enforcement.
- NYLS can assist you in contacting law enforcement if you choose.

Institutional Reporting

You may report the incident to:

- One of the Law School's Title IX Coordinators, who are identified at www.nyls.edu/about/leadership
- Campus Security at 212.431.2859
- One of the Law School Campus Security Authorities, who are identified at www.nyls.edu/campus-security-authorities-policy

Reporting to NYLS is separate from reporting to law enforcement. You may choose to do one, both, or neither.

SUPPORTIVE MEASURES AND PROTECTIVE OPTIONS

You may request **supportive measures** which are available regardless of whether you file a formal complaint or report to law enforcement. These may include:

- Mutual no-contact orders
- Academic accommodations (e.g., extensions, exam rescheduling, class changes)
- Changes to work schedules
- Other reasonable measures to help ensure safety and access to education or employment

CONFIDENTIALITY

NYLS will protect your privacy and confidentiality **to the extent permitted by law**. Information will be shared only as necessary to provide support, ensure safety, or comply with legal obligations.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

You are entitled to information about confidential **on-campus and off-campus resources**, which may include:

- **Sophia Soloway, LCSW, Mental Health Consultant**

Ms. Soloway offers short-term counseling to NYLS students. This free and confidential service is offered by NYLS and does not require insurance. To make an appointment, email Sophia.Soloway@nyls.edu or call 917.232.8220.

- **Mount Sinai Beth Israel, MSBI Victim Services Program**

Chloe Horowitz, LCSW, Enough is Enough Coordinator, T: 212.420.4516 or 646.398.3171, E: Chloe.horowitz@mountsinai.org or VS@mountsinai.org

- **Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, Violence Intervention and Treatment Program**

Ariana Argotte, LMHC Program Manager, T: 718.963.7788 or 718.906.3857, E: AArgotte@wyckoffhospital.org

- **New York Presbyterian, Domestic and Other Violence Emergencies (DOVE)**

Ariana Montenegro, LMSW, E: ZTL9002@nyp.org
Sajada Bhuiyan, LMSW, E: gix9003@nyp.org, T: 929.746.1211

- **Aetna Student Assistance Program (SAP)**

Free and confidential student counseling services are available to all students, 24 hours a day. NYLS students may contact one of the professional counselors at 877.351.7889 or AskSAP@aetna.com.

INSTITUTIONAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

You have the right to receive information about NYLS's disciplinary procedures, including:

- How to file a complaint
- The standard of evidence used
- Your opportunity to offer testimony and other ways to let your voice be heard
- Possible outcomes and appeal options

RETALIATION PROHIBITED

Retaliation against any individual for reporting an incident or participating in a process is prohibited. Concerns about retaliation should be reported to the Title IX Office.

The **New York Law School Sexual Misconduct Policy** (www.nyls.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy) contains a full description of how NYLS addresses sex-based misconduct, harassment, and violence, and includes a Student Bill of Rights. Questions regarding the Sexual Misconduct Policy and this Notice of Rights and Resources should be directed to the Title IX Coordinators.

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