TITLE IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. .1681 et seq.) prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs receiving Federal financial assistance. Title IX states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

- Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities operated by recipients of Federal financial assistance
- Sexual harassment of students, which includes acts of sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX
- Title IX applies also to same-sex, bisexual and transgender students

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- Sexual violence refers to physical sexual acts perpetrated either against a person’s will or where a person is incapable of giving consent due to the victim’s use of drugs or alcohol
- An individual also may be unable to give consent due to an intellectual or other disability
- A number of different acts fall into the category of sexual violence, including rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion. All such acts of sexual violence are forms of sexual harassment covered under Title IX

Filing a Complaint
Students have the right to report the incident, have UNMC investigate what happened, and have their complaint resolved promptly and equitably. To file a complaint students may contact:

- Carmen Sirizzotti, MBA
  UNMC Title IX Coordinator at 402.559.2710

Students have the right to choose to report an incident of sexual violence to campus or local law enforcement; however, a criminal investigation does not relieve UNMC of its duty under Title IX to respond promptly and effectively.

RESOURCE LIST

Confidential Resources
- Student Counseling 308.866.8248
- Health Care/Student Health 308.865.8218
- UNK Women’s Center 308.865.8279

Campus Resources
- Campus Security 308.627.4811
- Student Services Coordinator:
  Hilary Christo, MSEd
  308.865.8322 | hchristo@unmc.edu
- Title IX Coordinator:
  Carmen Sirizzotti, MBA
  402.559.2710 | csirizzotti@unmc.edu
- UNMC Compliance Hotline 1.866.568.5430
- Financial Aid Office 402.559.6409
- International Students Office 402.559.8326

Off Campus Resources
- Kearney Regional Medical Center
  855.404.5762 | 804 22nd Avenue
- Good Samaritan Hospital
  308.865.7100 | 10 East 31st Street
- S.A.F.E. Center 308.237.2599
  Español: 877.215.0167
- Police Department 308.865.8517 or 911
- Legal Aid of Nebraska
  1.877.250.2016 | www.legalaidofnebraska.com

Hot Lines – 24/7
- National Sexual Assault 1.800.656.HOPE (4673)
- National Domestic Violence 1.800.799SAFE (7233)

National Websites
- Know your rights Title IX www.knowyourix.org
- Not Alone www.notalone.gov
- Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition (NDVSAC) www.ndvsac.org
- RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)
  www.rainn.org
- LGBTQ: The Survivor Project www.survivorproject.org
- Male Survivors of sexual trauma www.malesurvivor.org

It’s on all of us to stop sexual assault.
Take the pledge to be part of the solution at ItsOnUs.org

Kearney
It can happen to you too...
A resource for finding help and healing
Was It my fault?

Sexual violence is never the fault of the person who experienced sexual violence.

As a survivor you may blame yourself:
• “If I hadn’t gotten in the car.”
• “If I hadn’t gone to their room drunk.”
• “I should have known better than to study at their house”

Do not blame yourself.

After Effects of Sexual Violence

• Post Traumatic Stress disorder (PTSD) severe feelings of anxiety, stress or fear
• Depression: emotional and psychological reactions due to the sexual violence experience
• Flashbacks: when memories of past traumas feel as if they are taking place in the current moment
• Develop sleeping and/or eating disorders
• Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).
• Pregnancy
• Substance abuse: may turn to alcohol or other substances in an attempt to relieve emotional suffering
• Self-harm/self injury and/or suicidal thoughts: Please seek help immediately by calling 911, go the nearest Emergency room or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline for help 24 hours a day at 800.273.TALK (8255)
• Difficulties in studying and/or concentrating

Effects can be immediate or delayed. They can be brief in duration or last a very long time.