Title IX & Reporting Sexual Misconduct



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."



Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment, a type of sex discrimination, is specifically prohibited by UNMC Sexual Misconduct Policy as well as federal laws such as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII) and Title IX.

a. **Under Title IX**, sexual harassment means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

i.

 An employee of the University conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit or service of the University on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual misconduct

ii.

 Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the University's education program or activity

iii.

• Sexual assault; Dating violence; Domestic violence; or Stalking



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b. Under **Title VII**, which applies to employees only, sexual harassment also means

unwelcome sexual advances requests for sexual favors

other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature

when this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects

an individual's employment

unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance

Creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment, sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter the conditions of the individual's employment and create an abusive working environment



Sexual Harassment

To be considered sexual harassment for the purposes of **Title IX**, the conduct must meet the additional requirements of occurring in the University's education program or activity and against a person in the United States.





Actual Knowledge

"Actual Knowledge" means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the University's Title IX Coordinator or any official of the University who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the University. "Notice" as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator.

"Official with Authority" means an official of the University who has authority to institute corrective measures for sexual misconduct on behalf of the University.

OFFICIAL with AUTHORITY

President, Chancellors

Provost/Vice Presidents and Vice Chancellors

UNCA and Campus Title IX Coordinators



Reporting Sexual Misconduct

All individuals are **expected** to promptly report conduct that may violate the University's Sexual Misconduct Policy to the University.

In addition, all individuals are **expected** to report conduct that may also violate criminal law to both the Title IX Coordinator and to local law enforcement. These processes are not mutually exclusive, and both may happen simultaneous or at different times.



Reporting Sexual Misconduct Options

Any University student, employee, or other individual who seeks to report may contact

Title IX Coordinator

- Carmen Sirizzotti
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- 2010 Administrative Center
- (402) 559.2710
- csirizzotti@unmc.edu

University Police or Public Safety

- Public Safety/Campus Security
- 4215 Emile Street
- (402) 559.5111
- unmcsecoffice@unm c.edu

for assisting in filing a criminal complaint and preserving physical evidence

Local Law Enforcement

 To file a criminal com plaint

The University of Nebraska Hotline

- Ethics Point Online Reporting
- Phone at 1.844.348.9584



Reporting Sexual Misconduct (continued)

Additionally, reports may be made to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights regarding an alleged violation of **Title IX** by contacting them online or calling:







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- To stop sexual assault.
- To recognize that nonconsensual sex is sexual assault.
- To identify situations in which sexual assault may occur.
- To intervene in situations where consent has not or cannot be given.
- To create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported.









UNMC Culture

All EMPLOYEES must feel safe and enjoy working at UNMC



This is consistent with UNMC Code of Conduct

Contact Information

Employees and Students:

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UNMC website: unmc.edu/TitleIX

Compliance Hotline:

Dial toll-free, within the United States: 844-348-9584 or nebraska.ethicspoint.com





