Sexual Assault

ADELPHI’S COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Adelphi University is committed to providing an atmosphere in which students can pursue their educational goals and achieve personal growth. Maintaining a safe environment for students, faculty and staff has long been recognized as an essential part of University life.

At Adelphi, safety and security are of the highest priority and are considered a shared responsibility, requiring the cooperation of everyone concerned—students, faculty and staff.

The University has established policies and procedures, and offers comprehensive services, to ensure the well-being of members of the University community. All forms of discrimination, harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking) and retaliation are prohibited on the campus. See Adelphi University’s Anti-Discrimination, Harassment (Including Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking) and Retaliation Policy at hr.adelphi.edu/title-ix/university-policy for complete information.

The University advises and updates students about security procedures through a variety of means, including University publications, on-campus meetings and trainings, new student Orientation programs, email and the emergency notification system, as necessary. For information on resources and reporting, visit adelphi.edu/safety.

The following information was developed for survivors of sexual assault and for those individuals at Adelphi University who might be called upon to support and advise them.

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault is gender neutral and describes all forms of sexual violence, including sexual intercourse (rape), oral or anal contact, penetration with an object or finger and touching of an intimate body part for the purpose of sexual gratification that is committed without consent, by the use or threat of force, or where the complainant is incapable of giving consent.

Acquaintance/date rape is sexual intercourse perpetrated by someone known to the complainant and committed without the consent of the complainant or by the use or threat of force, or where the complainant is incapable of giving consent.

SEXUAL BOUNDARIES AND CONSENT

- Sexual consent means to give knowing, voluntary and clear permission by words or action to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity.
- It is the responsibility of each party to make certain the other party has consented before engaging in sexual activity.
- Consent to some sexual contact cannot be presumed to be consent for other sexual activity.
- Consent given on a prior occasion does not constitute consent on a subsequent occasion.
- Silence or the absence of resistance in and of itself does not constitute consent.
- Consent can be withdrawn at any time during a sexual encounter. If that happens, the other person must stop immediately.
- If a person is intoxicated to the point of incapacitation, asleep, unconscious, passed out or underage, they are incapable of giving consent for sexual activity.

SAFETY TIPS

- Be aware of your surroundings. Stay in well-lit areas. Be wary of isolated spots. Be mindful that cellphone and headphone use can limit your awareness of surroundings.
- Trust your instincts. If a situation, place or person makes you uncomfortable, leave. Have your keys ready before you reach the door to your residence, office or car.
- Using alcohol and drugs may increase your risk of being the victim of a crime.
- Never leave any drink unattended.
- Make sure your cellphone is charged before you leave home.
- If you see something, say something, but do not put yourself in harm’s way. Call Public Safety at 516.877.3511.
- Let your friends know where you are.
- Respect sexual boundaries and familiarize yourself with the University’s definition of sexual consent. (See Sexual Boundaries and Consent section.)

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

- “The person asked for it.” No one asks to be sexually assaulted. No one deserves to be sexually assaulted because of their clothing, behavior, appearance or for any other reason.
- “It can’t happen to me.” Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault, regardless of their age, race, gender, sexual orientation, educational background or income level.
- “The primary motive for rape is sex.” Rape is a crime of power, violence and control.
- “Rape only occurs among strangers.” Seventy percent of rape cases are committed by someone known to the victim.
- “No one can be forced to have sex against their will.” Anyone can be forced to have sex against their will by the threat or use of force.
- “Rape victims suffer visible physical injury from the incident.” More than two-thirds of all rape victims do not sustain any visible physical injuries from their attack.

WHO IS MOST VULNERABLE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Studies indicate that persons between 16 and 24 years old are most often victims of sexual assault. College students, especially freshmen, are the most vulnerable because they may be:
- Away from home for the first time
- Confronted with new social situations
- Emotionally vulnerable

IF A SEXUAL ASSAULT OCCURS:

- Go to a safe place and contact the proper authorities immediately. (See Reporting Sexual Assault section.)
- Be mindful of preserving all possible evidence. Do not change clothes, shower, douche, comb hair, brush teeth, eat or drink. And, if possible, do not urinate.
- Get a medical examination to ensure treatment. There may be hidden physical injuries.
- Ask an advocate or rape counselor to accompany you to the medical examination. (See Campus Support Services and Community Support Services sections.)
- A rape kit can be completed if the medical examination occurs within 96 hours of the assault. The rape kit preserves evidence from all areas of contact. At the hospital, the medical staff will discuss testing for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy and HIV.
- You have the right to receive assistance and resources from the University, including counseling.
- You have the right to report the incident to Public Safety (516.877.3511), local law enforcement and/or the state police, or choose not to make this report.
- You have the right to report the incident to the University and be protected by the University from retaliation for reporting the incident. You have the right to speak with the Title IX coordinator or designee, who can provide you with more information and answer your questions.

REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT

To report to the police: Dial 911.

On-Campus Incidents:

Garden City campus

Public Safety can be reached by dialing 516.877.3511, or by dialing 5 emergency campus phones located inside and outside the buildings.

Hauppauge Education and Conference Center

Security Desk

Dial 516.237.6805.

Adelphi Sayville

Call Adelphi University Public Safety 516.877.3511.

Manhattan Center

Contact the security officer at the front desk at 212.965.8340—press 1.

Hudson Valley Center

Dial 845.471.3348.

Online Reporting

To file an online report, visit hr.adelphi.edu/title-ix/report or email titleix@adelphi.edu. For an immediate emergency response, follow the instructions and report to Public Safety at 516.877.3511, or dial 911.

CAMPUS SUPPORT SERVICES

The Student Counseling Center offers confidential individual and group counseling and crisis intervention for survivors of sexual assault incidents. Counseling services are available on-site at the Garden City campus and Manhattan Center. Day and evening hours are available by calling 516.877.3646. Counseling services are also available for Hudson Valley Center students through The Workplace EAP by calling 845.431.8740. Crisis intervention and rape counseling services are also provided by the rape crisis center on both and off the Garden City campus by The Safe Center LI. Call the 24-hour rape hotline at 516.542.0404 or the Student Counseling Center at 516.877.3646 or scc@adelphi.edu for additional information and assistance.

Confidential support services are also available at the Interfaith Center.
**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline
800.942.6906 (English and Spanish bilingual accessibility)

Deaf or hard of hearing: 711

NotAlone.gov—Together Against Sexual Assault

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**UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY OPTIONS**

Once the University has notice of an allegation of sexual assault, we are required by law to conduct a prompt and equitable investigation of the incident. The investigation is independent of a criminal investigation and will generally be concluded within 60 days of the report.

Sexual assault is a serious offense and can result in severe University sanctions, including suspension and expulsion. If there are sufficient grounds, the matter will be adjudicated consistent with the Code of Conduct. Both the complainant and the respondent have the opportunity to call witnesses, present evidence and be accompanied by an adviser of their choice. Both parties will be apprised of the outcome of the proceedings in writing as well as their right to appeal. Both parties are entitled to the assistance of a faculty advocate.

Complainants of sexual assault are entitled to reasonable interim measures for academic, transportation, living and work schedule concerns, as well as no-contact orders. Contact the Title IX coordinator at 516.877.4819 or titleix@adelphi.edu for assistance with this.

Student complaints of sexual misconduct by employees of the University can be filed with the Title IX coordinator.

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**LEGAL OPTIONS**

Sexual assault complainants have the following options:

**Criminal Prosecution**

Report the incident to the local or state police for possible arrest and prosecution. Criminal investigations are independent of campus disciplinary proceedings. Complainants can be assisted by University personnel in reporting these cases to the police.

**Civil Remedies**

Pursue civil remedies. Civil proceedings are independent of any criminal or campus disciplinary proceedings.

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**APPLICABLE LAWS AND PENALTIES**

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**TITLE IX AND NY ARTICLE 129-B**

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. Sexual harassment, sexual assault and sexual violence are considered forms of sexual discrimination. Title IX protects both students and employees from the above discrimination by any University employee, student or non-employee third party. N.Y. Article 129-B mirrors Title IX and applies to conduct that has a reasonable connection to the University, whether it is on campus, off campus or on study abroad. All such incidents can be reported to Adelphi University Title IX Coordinator Rhonnie Jaus, Levermore Hall, Room 207, 516.877.4819 or titleix@adelphi.edu.