Sexual assault
Support for student survivors
A resource for students who have been sexually assaulted

Resources for students

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sexual Assault Service (24-hour service)
Counselling and medical service for women and men aged 14+ who have been sexually assaulted. Limited services for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Campus Security can arrange transport to RPA.
Ground Floor, KGV Building
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Missenden Rd, Camperdown
Monday to Friday: 02 9515 9040
After hours: 02 9515 6111

Counselling and Psychological Services
Provides free one-on-one counselling to support students who have survived sexual assault in locating appropriate referral options.
Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building
City Road, the University of Sydney
9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
T: 02 8627 8433

University Health Service
Provides medical services (not including forensic exams) in a caring, safe, and confidential space.
Level 3, Wentworth Building
Butlin Avenue, the University of Sydney
8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
T: 02 9351 3484
sydney.edu.au/health-service/services/index.php

Additional contacts

NSW Rape Crisis
24/7 telephone and online crisis counselling service for anyone in NSW – men and women – who have experienced or are at risk of sexual assault and their non-offending supporters.
T: 1800 424 017
nswrapecrisis.com.au

1800 Respect
24/7 national sexual assault, domestic violence counselling service.
T: 1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

University of Sydney Campus Security
Provides 24/7 response and assistance with safety planning. Also keeps confidential records of each sexual assault reported to Campus Security.
T: 9351 3333

Lifeline
24/7 national telephone counselling services. Also provides crisis support and suicide prevention.
T: 13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Emergency Services
24/7 contact for ambulance and/or police services if in immediate danger.
T: 000

Law Access NSW
Free government telephone services that provides legal information, referral and advice for people who have a legal problem in NSW.
T: 1300 888 529
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
lawaccess.nsw.gov.au

Reporting options

A survivor can choose to report an assault to local law enforcement and/or the University. The University does not require a survivor to report an assault, and will enable access to support services and necessary accommodations.

NSW Police
Whether the assault took place on or off campus, survivors can make a report to their local police station. Reporting does not guarantee court proceedings will occur.
police.nsw.gov.au

Emergency Department
The forensic evidence of an assault will dissipate over time. It is best to attend a hospital or medical centre as soon as possible after an assault to collect evidence and test for STIs. In NSW, evidence can be collected “just in case”, without survivors needing to decide at that time whether they want to continue to make a police report.

Campus Security
If an assault has taken place on campus, Campus Security are able to take a report and provide advice on the best course of action.
T: 9351 3333

Student Affairs
If the assault was committed by a staff member or student, and it occurred on or, in certain circumstances, off campus, the case can be brought to the Student Affairs Unit, where trained staff will work with you on support, reporting, and investigation.
T: 8627 8465
sydney.edu.au/students/complaints.html

Assistance with reporting

Student support professionals in the Student Support Services unit will connect students with appropriate support, provide information on reporting options, and facilitate the reporting process should a student choose to make a report. Please contact the University of Sydney Helpline on 1800 SYD HLP (793 457) for assistance.