



If you have been sexually assaulted, know that it is not your fault and that support is available. One of the first steps to take is to think about your safety. This could mean going to a space that feels safe for you, seeking medical attention and accessing ongoing professional support. You may also consider reporting an incident of sexual violence to the University or Police, either in person or online (both options detailed below). This resource provides information to help you access immediate support both on and off campus.

Counselling, Medical Attention and Support Services

Receiving medical attention can often be important, even if it has been a while since the assault. You may choose which services, if any, you might like to use:

Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Provides free one-on-one counselling if you have survived sexual assault and helps connect you with relevant support options.

Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building, City Road, University of Sydney
9am-4pm (Mon-Fri)
T: (02) 8627 8433
T: 1800 SYD HLP (1800 793 457), option 2, then option 2 again, to book an appointment with CAPS

RPA Sexual Assault Service (24-Hour Service)

Counselling and medical service to women and men aged 14+ who have been sexually assaulted. Limited services for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse are available.

Ground Floor, KGV Building, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital,
Missenden Rd, Camperdown, 2050
T: (02) 9515 9040
After-hours: (02) 9515 6111

Student Liaison Officers

Provides one-on-one support in the form of case management and advocacy for those who have experienced sexual assault/harassment.

Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building, City Road,
University of Sydney
8.30am-5.30pm (Mon-Fri)
T: (02) 8627 6808
E: safer-communities.officer@sydney.edu.au

University Health Services (UHS)

Provides medical services (not including forensic exams) in a caring, safe, and confidential space.

Level 3, Wentworth Building, Butlin Avenue,
University of Sydney
8:30am-5pm (Mon-Fri)
T: (02) 9351 3484
W: sydney.edu.au/health-service/services

Assistance with Reporting

The University of Sydney does not require you to report an assault if you do not wish to, and will help you access support services and accommodations as needed. It is your choice if you wish to report an assault to the Police and/or the University, or neither.

New South Wales Police

Whether the assault took place on or off campus, you can make a report to your local Police Station. Reporting does not guarantee court proceedings will occur. The New South Wales Police Force (NSWPF) provides two ways for survivors to report a sexual assault.

1. The first option, is to contact your nearest Police Station and make a formal complaint. A Police Officer will obtain a version of the offence in the form of a statement and arrange medical/counselling support. This may lead to a criminal investigation.
2. The second option, if you decide not to formally report, is to complete the Sexual Assault Reporting Options (SARO) questionnaire. You can choose to provide your details or report anonymously. It is important to note that with the second option you are not making a formal complaint to police to initiate a criminal investigation.

Completed questionnaires can be sent via post or email:
Sexual Assault Reporting Options, Sex Crimes Squad
State Crime Command New South Wales Police Force
Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

E: saro@police.nsw.gov.au
W: 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 needing to decide at that time whether you want to continue to make a police report or not.

University of Sydney 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: 1800 SYD HLP (1800 793 457), option 1
T: (02) 9351 3333 (Emergencies)

Reporting to the University

You can make a disclosure or a complaint to the University over the phone or via the online reporting form. Student liaison officers can assist you with your reporting options and help you get the support you need. If the assault was committed by a staff member or student, and it occurred on or, in some circumstances off campus, the case can be brought to the Student Affairs Unit.

T: 1800 SYD HLP (1800 793 457), option 2, then option 1
W: sydney.edu.au/students/sexual-assault/report-to-the-university



Emergency University of Sydney Accommodation

On-campus emergency accommodation may be available if you need a safe space to stay. There are options for students which can be discussed with the contacts below.

Student Accommodation Services (SAS)

Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building, City Road, University of Sydney
10am–4pm (Mon–Fri)
T: (02) 9351 3322
Outside of business hours, please contact Campus Security on 9351 3333

Student Representative Council (SRC) (Undergraduate)

Level 1, Wentworth Building, City Road, University of Sydney
10am–5pm (Mon–Fri)
T: (02) 9660 5222

University of Sydney Campus Security

For emergency after-hours help.
T: 1800 SYD HLP (1800 793 457), option 1
T: (02) 9351 3333 (Emergencies)

Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA) (Postgraduate)

Level 2, Holme Building, University of Sydney
10am–5pm (Mon–Fri)
T: (02) 9351 3715

Additional Contacts

Emergency Services

24/7 service to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.
T: 000

1800 RESPECT

24/7 counselling and support services for individuals who have experienced or are at risk of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
T: 1800 737 732
W: 1800respect.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services

Wirringa Baiya

Support for women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence or sexual assault.
T: 1800 686 587
W: wirringabaiya.org.au

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer People (LGBTIQ)

Another Closet

Provides support and information for LGBTIQ people in relationships who are or may be experiencing domestic and family violence.
W: anothercloset.com.au

Accessibility

Translating & Interpreting Service

The telephone Translators and Interpreters Service (TIS National) is available free of charge.
T: 13 14 50
W: tisnational.gov.au

University of Sydney Campus Security

Provides 24/7 response and assistance with safety planning and keeps confidential records of each sexual assault reported to Campus Security.
T: 1800 SYD HLP (1800 793 457), option 1
T: (02) 9351 3333 (Emergencies)

NSW Rape Crisis

24/7 telephone and online counselling service for anyone who has experienced or is at risk of sexual assault, domestic or family violence and their non-offending supporters.
T: 1800 424 017
W: nswrapecrisis.com.au

Health Info Net

Information about services for Indigenous Australians, including domestic and family violence and sexual assault services
W: healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/related-issues/family-violence

The Safe Relationships Project (SRP)

A court support and free legal advice service for LGBTIQ people experiencing or escaping domestic and family violence in NSW.
T: 1800 244 481
W: iclc.org.au/srp/

National Relay Service (NRS)

The NRS is an Australia-wide phone service for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment.
TTY/voice calls: 13 36 77;
Speak & Listen: 1300 555 727;
SMS relay: 0423 677 767
W: relayservice.gov.au

Lifeline

Provides individuals experiencing a personal crisis with access to online, phone and face-to-face crisis support and suicide prevention services.
T: 13 11 14 (24/7 phone crisis support)
W: lifeline.org.au

Domestic Violence Line

24/7 telephone counselling, information and referrals for women and same-sex partners who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence.
T: 1800 656 463
W: facs.nsw.gov.au/domestic-violence/helpline

QLife

Provides free telephone and web based counselling, referrals and support groups for LGBTI people and their families on matters of sexuality and life issues.
T: 1800 184 527 (5:30pm–10:30pm 7 days)
W: qlife.org.au

Accommodation

Link2home

State-wide homelessness information and referral telephone service.
T: 1800 152 152