



**RHODE
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Sexual Misconduct, Relationship and Interpersonal Violence

Resources and Supports

This resource has been created as a collaborative effort between faculty, staff, and students. For further information, including specific policies and guidelines, please reference Rhode Island College's Title IX webpage <http://www.ric.edu/titleIX>.

If You Experience Sexual Misconduct, Relationship or Interpersonal Violence:

- Make sure you are in a safe place. Contact someone you trust. If you are in danger and need immediate assistance on campus, contact **Campus Police 401-456-8888** or call **9-1-1**.
- You are strongly encouraged to seek medical care and you may do so without reporting what happened to the police.
- If you have experienced sexual assault or any form of non-consensual sexual contact, seeking medical attention is important to treat or prevent sexually transmitted infections (STI's) and pregnancy.
- Preserving Evidence is important. If you plan to go to the hospital, try to not bathe, go to the bathroom, brush your teeth or change your clothes. If you do change or bathe, bring the clothes you were wearing to the hospital in a paper bag. This will help to preserve important evidence as evidence generally needs to be collected within 72 hours. You can always decide later whether or not you want to press criminal charges.
- If you decide not to go to a hospital, **RIC Health Services** can provide testing and treatment for STI's and advice about pregnancy prevention.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE—HELP IS AVAILABLE

SEEKING SUPPORT

There are multiple resources to help you restore your safety and sense of control. Although it may be hard to take the first step, seeking support from someone you can trust can be a positive move towards healing. The **RIC Counseling Center** offers free, high quality, confidential counseling to any current RIC student. A counselor can help you navigate through the different options for reporting. Their goal is to guide you towards the best choices and supports for you. Other confidential resources include the **RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV)** and **Day One**, which provide counseling and victim advocates. Confidential medical resources are available through **RIC's Health Services**. **The Title IX Coordinator** is also available to direct you to resources and discuss your options moving forward. Services are also available through The LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning) Affairs Office at <http://www.ric.edu/lgbtq> and The Womens' Center <http://www.ric.edu/womens-center>.

The **Day One/RICADV Hotline** is available 24/7 at **1-800-494-8100**. Online support is also available through the **RAINN 24/7 Online Hotline**: <https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>.

(See the back for all contact information.)

CONSENT: *Consent is an affirmative and willing agreement to engage in specific forms of sexual contact with another person. Consent requires an outward demonstration, through mutually understandable words, conduct or action, indicating that an individual has freely chosen to engage in sexual activity or contact. Consent cannot be obtained through: (1) the use of coercion or force; or (2) by taking advantage of the incapacitation of another individual. Silence, passivity, or the absence of resistance does not imply consent. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. When consent is withdrawn, sexual activity must immediately stop. Prior consent does not imply current or future consent; even in the context of an ongoing relationship, consent must be sought and freely given for each instance of sexual activity or contact.*

RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEES

The following individuals shall be considered “Responsible Employees” at the College: (1) any employee who has the authority to take action to redress discrimination on the basis of sex; (2) any employee who has been given the duty to report discrimination on the basis of sex or other misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator or other appropriate school official; or (3) any individual who a student could reasonably believe has this authority or responsibility. All Responsible Employees are obligated to report discrimination on the basis of sex that they know, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known about, to the Title IX Coordinator or designee. Mental health counselors, pastoral counselors, psychologists, health services staff or other employees with a professional license that requires confidentiality, and the individuals they supervise, are not Responsible Employees.

REPORTING

Reporting is your decision. If you are not sure of what you want to do, you may want to talk about your options with a confidential resource such as the RIC Counseling Center, RIC Health Services, or the Day One/RICADV Hotline. If you decide to speak to others on campus, it may mandate or require a report to the Title IX Coordinator, who oversees the investigation of incidents of sexual misconduct and relationship or interpersonal violence. (See the Reporting Resources on back.) The Rhode Island College Title IX Coordinator is Margaret (Peggy) Lynch-Gadaleta. (See the back for contact info.)

REPORTING AND RESOURCES

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING ON-CAMPUS

COUNSELING CENTER
Brown Hall, (401) 456-8094

HEALTH SERVICES
Brown Hall, (401) 456-8055

NON-CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING ON-CAMPUS

TITLE IX COORDINATOR
Margaret (Peggy) Lynch-Gadaleta
Roberts Hall 301
(401) 456-8387 or mlynchgadaleta@ric.edu

RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING
Penfield Hall
(401) 456-8240

REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

CAMPUS POLICE
(401)-456-8888

PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
(401)272-1111

NORTH PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
(401)233-1433

RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE
(401)444-1111

OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

DAY ONE

The Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center will provide an advocate to accompany a survivor to the hospital and/or the police if you decide to go.

RHODE ISLAND COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A network of member agencies to provide comprehensive services to victims, including emergency shelter, support groups, counseling and assistance with the legal system.

**DAY ONE/RICADV 24 HOUR HELPLINE:
1-800-494-8100**

THE SOJOURNER HOUSE

Sojourner House is a domestic and sexual violence agency that provides a variety of direct services, including emergency housing, advocacy, immigration assistance, HIV testing, support groups, LGBTQ+ culturally competent services, and a program for victims of human trafficking.

(401) 861-6191 (office)
(401) 765-3232 (residential services)

RAINN 24/7 Online Hotline:

<https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>
1-(800)-656-HOPE

LOCAL HOSPITALS

WOMEN AND INFANTS HOSPITAL

101 Dudley St., Providence
Emergency Department
(401) 274-1750

MIRIAM HOSPITAL

164 Summit Ave, Providence
(401) 793-2500

RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL

593 Eddy St., Providence
Emergency Department
(401) 444-4220