It’s On Us Hofstra, to Know What to Do in Case of Sexual Assault

If you are the victim of sexual violence, you have the right to make a report to Hofstra’s Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement, and/or state police, or choose not to report; to report the incident to the University; to be protected by the University from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from the University.

Steps to consider if you experience sexual violence:

Find a place where you feel safe; this includes any location where you feel there is less risk, a supportive environment, and access to additional support, if desired. Some ideas include the Student Health and Counseling Center, the Interfaith Center, Public Safety, or a private location on or off campus.

Contact someone you trust such as a friend, family member, or Hofstra staff member. If you would like to talk to someone confidentially, you may speak to the mental health and medical professionals in the Student Health and Counseling Center, and/or clergy members in the Interfaith Center.

Seek medical attention even if you do not plan to collect evidence. Ensure your safety and get tested for possible infections and injuries. Hospital staff can also help to preserve evidence if you choose. Nassau University Medical Center and North Shore University Hospital have specially trained units to help collect and preserve evidence of sexual assault.

Nassau University Medical Center
2201 Hempstead Turnpike
East Meadow, NY 11554

North Shore University Hospital
300 Community Drive
Manhasset, NY 11030

To preserve evidence, don’t shower, bathe, douche, wash your hands, brush your teeth, comb your hair, use the toilet (if you can avoid it), or wash your clothes/sheets/other areas where there may be physical evidence. Also, seek assistance from a medical professional trained and certified in the collection and preservation of evidence of sexual assault.

To make a report or for emergency assistance on campus, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 516-463-6606 (general) or 516-463-6789 (emergency) or visit the Mack Public Safety and Information Center located on the corner of Hempstead Turnpike and California Avenue. Public Safety is available 24/7. Public Safety can also help you file a police report or contact an on-call counselor, if desired. If you are off campus and require emergency assistance, call 911.

For more information on Hofstra’s policy, please visit hofstra.edu/sexualmisconduct.

There are options; we can help.

Resources

Confidential Resources

For more information about Hofstra University’s Title IX Office, please visit hofstra.edu/title-ix.