

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Butler County Community College is committed to providing a safe, secure, and healthy teaching, learning, and working environment free from sexual assault by providing sexual assault awareness and prevention programs.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, find a safe environment away from the attacker. To seek assistance and report a sexual assault call 911, contact Campus Police, and/or notify College administration. It is imperative to preserve all evidence to be used in proving that a sexual assault occurred. Seek medical attention and notify those involved that you are a victim of a sexual assault, identify any risks of sexually transmitted infections/diseases and/or pregnancy, and seek counseling, if necessary. In addition, write down as much as you can remember immediately following the attack. Understand you are a victim and this was not your fault. College administration is here to assist you by providing both internal and/or external resources regardless if you choose to criminally prosecute the offender or not.

Butler County Community College will act promptly to protect the rights of all individuals involved in a sexual assault matter. We support the victim's right to choose which avenues of assistance are most appropriate for him/her to pursue and the victim's right not to pursue, if he/she so chooses. Individuals who have been sexually assaulted have the right to:

- have the same opportunity to have others present during College disciplinary proceeding as does the accused;
- be informed of the outcome of any College disciplinary proceeding as does the accused;
- notify law enforcement authorities, including Campus Police and local police, along with the option to be assisted by College administration in notifying these authorities;
- change academic, working, and/or living situations, if applicable and reasonably available; and
- utilize the available counseling services below:

Center for Community Resources (CCR)

212-214 South Main Street

Suite 625

Butler, PA 16001

Toll Free Crisis Line: 1-800-292-3866

Telephone Number: 724-431-3748

Website: <http://www.ccrinfo.org/>

National Sexual Assault Hotline

1220 L. Street NW, Suite 505

Washington, DC 20005

Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE

Website: <https://www.rainn.org/get-help/national-sexual-assault-hotline>

Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICE)

111 S. Cliff Street

Suite 1-A

Butler, PA 16001

Hotline: 1-800-400-8551

Telephone number: 724-776-5910

Website: <http://www.voiceforvictims.com/>

The Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County

1218 W. State Street

New Castle, PA 16101

Hotline: 724-652-9036

Telephone Number: 724-652-9206

Website: <http://crisishelter.org/>

Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN)

P.O. Box 983

Kittanning, PA 16201

Hotline: 1-800-841-8881

Telephone Phone: 724-548-8888

Website: <http://www.havinpa.org/contactnew>

AWARE Inc.

109 S. Sharpsville Avenue

Suite D

Sharon, PA 16146

Hotline: 1-888-981-1457

Telephone Phone: 724-342-4934

Website: <http://www.merceraware.org/>

CAPSEA, Inc.

PO Box 464

Ridgway, PA 15853

Elk County Hotline: 814-772-3838

Cameron County Hotline: 814-486-1227

Website: <http://capsea.org/>

PPC Violence Free Network

29 Pearl Avenue

Oil City, PA 16301

Hotline: 814-677-7273

Telephone Phone: 814-676-5476

Website: <http://www.fscas.org/ppc-vfn.htm>

PA 2-1-1 Southwest

Dialing 2-1-1 from your phone will connect you to a free, confidential referral and information helpline that will provide essential health and human services resources, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Email: info@pa211sw.org

Website: <http://pa211sw.org/>

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline provides confidential twenty-four (24) hour assistance.

Website: <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

A sexual assault matter involving a student(s) will be referred to the Dean of Student Development. A student who violates any College policies will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including permanent dismissal and possible legal action.

A sexual assault matter involving an employee(s) will be handled by the Executive Director of Human Resources/Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer. An employee who violates any College policies will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment and possible legal action.

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