Here’s How We Can Help:

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

MOUNT HOLYOKE
Support is available when you need it.

It does not matter when the incident occurred!

The College recognizes that the effects of trauma caused by gender-based harassment or sexual misconduct are specific to the individual and could have an ongoing effect on a student's performance in academic courses, ability to meet work expectations, or social life on campus. Students who have experienced sexual misconduct at any point during their Mount Holyoke experience can reach out to the Title IX coordinator or other resources listed below for support.

It does not matter where the sexual misconduct occurred!

The College will respond to all complaints of sexual misconduct. This includes complaints that occur on the College grounds and those that occur off campus and involve the conduct of faculty, staff, and students while on College-related business (such as College-sponsored study abroad programs, academic exchange, and College-organized internships).

It does not matter who engaged in the offensive behavior!

The College understands that sexual violence and sexual misconduct occur in all types of relationships and is an act of power and control. Students of all ages, abilities, genders, races, religions, sexual orientations, socioeconomic classes, and immigration statuses are encouraged to report instances of sexual misconduct. The College will listen and take care to respond in a manner that gives weight to the preferences of the survivor.

An official complaint is not needed to seek services!

The College provides confidential and anonymous reporting options for students who want to access support services and resources without disclosing the matter to the Title IX Coordinator or initiating the disciplinary process. Health Services, Counseling Services, and the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Project are confidential reporting locations. Campus Police and the Ombudsperson are anonymous reporting locations.

It is OK to be unsure of what you want to do!

Our knowledge of trauma informs us that it takes time to process what has happened and to make decisions on what support services you need, who you want to inform, and whether you want to make use of the campus disciplinary process or criminal proceedings. The College encourages students to hold on to any evidence related to the event to preserve the ability to make use of the campus disciplinary process or criminal proceedings. Evidence includes forensic evidence collected by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), text messages, voicemails, or handwritten notes.
Prohibited Conduct

The following behavior is prohibited under the College's sexual misconduct policy:

- Dating and intimate partner violence
- Domestic violence
- Fondling and other forms of nonconsensual touch of a sexual nature
- Incest
- Rape and other forms of nonconsensual penetration including statutory rape
- Sexual exploitation
- Sexual harassment
- Stalking

For a detailed description of each behavior, please see the full policy at www.mtholyoke.edu/deanofstudents/sexual_assault_policy.

Anonymous Reporting Locations

The offices below serve as anonymous reporting locations. These offices must comply with the mandatory reporting guidelines but can do so anonymously, withholding the name and identifying details of the reporting party and survivor.

CAMPUS POLICE
phone: 413-538-2304 or 1-911
Staff are on campus 24 hours a day 365 days a year.
A campus police officer can do the following at the student's request:

- Connect the student to immediate medical attention. An officer from Campus Police can contact the MHC triage nurse and escort the student to the Health Center or other medical facility for medical assessment and treatment of any injuries.
- Arrange for a visit with a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). This examination includes the collection and documentation of evidence to preserve future legal options. Campus Police can arrange for transportation to the SANE nurse location.
- Assist the student in collecting and archiving evidence to preserve future legal options.
- Connect the student to the MHC Professional Staff on-call, who can provide after-hour support options, such as a housing reassessment or a no-contact agreement.
- Investigate the incident and provide follow-up services. In its investigation of a sexual assault, Campus Police will assign an officer who has received special training. Many investigations occur without criminal prosecution.
- Review support services and legal options within the court system.
- Help the student obtain or process a criminal complaint, trespass order, restraining order, or harassment prevention order.
- Serve as liaisons with the South Hadley Police Department, the Hampshire County District Attorney's Office, and other local police departments, depending on where the sexual assault occurred.

OMBUD/OMBUDPERSON
phone: 413-538-2413
The ombudperson can:

- Listen to concerns without passing judgment
- Help the student to clarify thoughts, feelings, and goals
- Assist the student in creating strategies for resolving problems or conflicts, even if the student is not planning to take action
- Provide answers to questions the student may have about College procedures, policies, and practices that affect students, faculty, and staff.

Confidential Support Services

The offices below serve as confidential reporting locations. These offices are exempt from mandatory reporting guidelines of Title IX and related amendments, such as the Jean Clery Act. Some of these offices may provide anonymous data to the Title IX coordinator in an effort to fulfill our security reporting requirements of the Clery Act.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG AWARENESS PROJECT (ADAP)
phone: 413-538-2616
The ADAP therapist can offer crisis intervention to assist the student in recovering from the trauma.

COUNSELING SERVICE
phone: 413-538-2037
A clinician can:
- Offer crisis intervention and brief therapy to assist the student in recovering from the trauma
- Provide medication to help with sleep or curb anxiety symptoms when needed
- Provide screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Provide anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling
- Screen for prescriptive drugs up to 96 hours after the incident.

HEALTH SERVICES
phone: 413-538-2242
Staff is on call 24 hours a day during the academic year.
A clinician can:
- Connect the student with a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program for a SANE exam, if desired
- Provide emergency contraception (EC) up to 120 hours after the incident
- Provide medication to help with sleep or curb anxiety symptoms when needed
- Provide counseling to help with acute stress reactions
- Provide screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Provide anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling
- Screen for prescriptive drugs up to 96 hours after the incident.
Other Campus Reporting Locations

These offices have an in-depth knowledge of campus resources to support students as they navigate through a complex problem or traumatic event. These offices are required to inform the Title IX coordinator of the names of the reporting party, the survivor, and other parties involved in the assault.

TITLE IX COORDINATOR
phone: 413-538-2841
email: titleixofficer@mtholyoke.edu

The Title IX coordinator can:
- Discuss a temporary no-contact agreement if the incident involves a Mount Holyoke College student
- Review the campus disciplinary options including the Grievance Procedure
- Assist the student in pursuing a disciplinary case or a no-contact agreement against a student within the Five Colleges
- Assist the student in pursuing a disciplinary case against a College employee or an employee of the Five Colleges
- Initiate an investigation

Implement interim measures as needed. Interim measures are a set of short-term actions taken to quickly prevent, mitigate, or remedy harm caused by the offensive behavior or cited circumstances. Interim measures can include a no-contact agreement, academic extensions, a housing reassignment, or a temporary suspension pending investigation. Interim measures may be used when a complaint is open and an investigation is pending.

Title IX coordinator can also address academic or personal issues related to a sexual assault that are not addressed by the services described above.

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE
phone: 413-538-2550

The Title IX coordinator can also address academic or personal issues related to a sexual assault that are not addressed by the services described above. Staff is on call for crisis intervention 24 hours a day during the academic year.

In cases that involve a sexual assault, rape, or any unwanted sexual contact, a staff person can:
- Discuss a temporary no-contact agreement if the incident involves a Mount Holyoke College student
- Review the campus disciplinary options, including the Grievance Procedure
- Assist the student in pursuing a disciplinary case against a College employee or an employee of the Five Colleges
- Implement interim measures as needed. Interim measures are a set of short-term actions taken to quickly prevent, mitigate, or remedy harm caused by the offensive behavior or cited circumstances. Interim measures can include a no-contact agreement, academic extensions, a housing reassignment, or a temporary suspension pending investigation. Interim measures may be used when a complaint is open and an investigation is pending.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE
phone: 413-538-2088

Staff is on call for crisis intervention 24 hours a day during the academic year. MHC anonymous data reporting by staff is required.

A professional staff member can:
- Discuss temporary housing assignments if the sexual assault happened on campus or if returning to the residence hall room is not an option
- Discuss a temporary no-contact agreement if the incident involves a Mount Holyoke College student
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Off-Campus Resources

LOCAL POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
phone: 911 off campus

Services reach depend on the caller's location and the phone from which the call originates.

SOUTH HADLEY POLICE
phone: 413-538-9231
or 911 in South Hadley

If the incident occurred on the Mount Holyoke campus, callers will be referred to the Mount Holyoke Campus Police.

CENTER FOR WOMEN AND COMMUNITY (CWC)
24/7 HOTLINE / UMASS AMHERST
phone: 413-545-0800
toll-free: 888-337-0800
TTY 413-577-0940, or Mass Relay 711

Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

SAFEPASS

SafePass offers a variety of programs designed to support survivors of domestic violence.

43 Center Street Suite 304
Northampton, MA 01060
phone: 413-586-1125
hotline: 413-586-5066
TTY: 413-586-5066

SAFEPASS Office, Hampden County
Women's Shelter/Compañeras, Inc
PO Box 1099
Holyoke, MA 01040
phone: 413-538-0717

SAFEPASS Hampshire County
YWCA of Western Mass, Inc
One Clough Street
Springfield, MA 01108
phone: 413-732-3121

SAFEPLAN
SAFEPLAN is a statewide, court-based program that provides trained advocates to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. SAFEPLAN advocates help victims develop personalized safety plans and obtain restraining orders and 258E harassment prevention orders (HPO) from the court. Advocates also accompany the victim to protective order hearings.

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Related Policies and Applicable Laws

This sexual misconduct policy is a component of the College's overall compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and our commitment to nondiscrimination.

The College has named the following individual as the Title IX coordinator to oversee the processing of all Title IX complaints, including complaints of sexual misconduct: The Title IX coordinator is also responsible for identifying and addressing systemic problems that may arise during the complaint process.

TITLE IX COORDINATOR
Phone: 413-538-2481
email: rdavis@mtholyoke.edu

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Since 1837, Mount Holyoke College has served as a champion for gender equity in education. Our commitment to diversity is dynamic and serves as the foundation for our efforts to create a learning and living environment that is free from gender- and sex-based discrimination of any kind.

This document is a summary of resources available to students to redress and respond to sexual misconduct. From this document you will learn about the:

- Conduct that is prohibited on campus
- Various avenues for making a report
- Specific support services provided on and off campus.

The most up-to-date information can be found online.

- To review the full range of policies and resources developed to promote gender equity at Mount Holyoke, please visit our Title IX compliance website at www.mtholyoke.edu/risk/title-ix-compliance-mount-holyoke-college.
- To learn more about the support services related to this sexual misconduct policy, please go to www.mtholyokeedudeanofstudents/student_handbook.