What You Need to Know: Reporting Options & Resources

Before

Inform students about your obligation to report to the Title IX Coordinator and provide them with confidential resources.

If you are a faculty member, consider using the syllabus warning and/or discussing your reporting obligations at the start of the course.

During

Try to compassionately interrupt before the student continues, in order to remind them of your role and reporting obligations (See sample scripts on following page).

Be clear that they can still talk with you but you want them to be able to make an informed decision before they continue.

If they want to continue, provide non-judgmental support. Avoid telling the students what they should do. Refrain from asking for more details. Refrain from investigating.

Offer them confidential and non-confidential resources.

After

Inform students that they have the ability to request confidentiality, and that request will be communicated to the Title IX Coordinator. To the greatest extent possible, Augustana will maintain their confidentiality.

Contact the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator must receive a report which includes all details shared by the student (names of students involved, including witnesses; date, time, location and relevant facts).

Augustana Syllabus Language

Commitment to Diversity: Augustana University is committed to creating and fostering a learning and working environment based on open communication and mutual respect. This is an integral part of the academic mission to enrich our students’ educational experiences and prepare them to live in and contribute to a global society. If you encounter sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or discrimination please contact the Title IX Coordinator at 605-274-4044 or belam@augie.edu. If you make a report of this nature to a faculty member, they must notify the Title IX Coordinator about the basic facts of the incident (you may choose whether you or anyone involved is identified by name). For more information about options at Augustana, please visit www.augie.edu/titleix.
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Confidential

Augustana Counseling Services - 605.334.2696
Augustana works closely with Sioux Falls Psychological Services to provide students with a multidisciplinary group of mental health professionals at no cost.

Campus Pastors – 605.274.5403
The campus pastors are available for counsel, encouragement, and support. They are located in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

Violence Prevention Coordinator – 605.274.4341
The Coordinator oversees initiatives on preventing sexual assault, domestic/dating violence and stalking on campus. The office is located in the lower level of Solberg Hall.

The Compass Center – 605.339.0116
Formerly known as the Rape and Domestic Abuse Center, this agency serves as a resource for survivors of sexual assault. They offer free, confidential counseling at their off-campus location. An advocate from this agency will be available to accompany the survivor to the hospital, the police departments and/or to a court hearing.

Campus Clinic – 605.274.5552
On campus medical services provided for all Augustana students. The clinic is located in the lower level of Solberg Hall.

Sanford Emergency Room – 605.333.6688
Emergency room is located at 1305 West 18th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

Avera Emergency Room – 605.322.8000
Emergency room is located at 1325 South Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD.

Non-Confidential

Title IX Coordinator – 605.274.4044
Augustana’s designated Title IX Coordinator is office in the Dean of Students Office and can receive reports of sexual misconduct and other forms of discrimination.

Augustana Campus Safety – 605.274.4014
Sioux Falls Police Department – 605.367.7212 or 911

Sample Scripts - What Should I Say?

When you BELIEVE a student is about to disclose...

“It sounds like you are about to tell me something that might fall within our policy. Before you say anything, I want to go over some information you should know. I am a mandatory reporter which means I am required to notify the Title IX Coordinator regarding any gender-based harassment, assault or discrimination. I can provide you with confidential options along with reporting options so you are able to decide which is best for you.”

When you KNOW a student has experienced misconduct...

“I am sorry that happened to you and I am sorry to interrupt you as you are telling me something so personal. Before you continue any further, I want to go over some information you should know. I am a mandatory reporter which means I am required to notify the Title IX Coordinator regarding any gender-based harassment, assault or discrimination. I can provide you with confidential options along with reporting options so you are able to decide which is best for you.”