IT'S NOT JUST PERSONAL

Your guide to the rights of survivors of sexual violence and their allies
SEXUAL VIOLENCE HARMs OUR COMMUNITIES.

It ripples out to school, work, and families, and down through generations.

TITLe IX
is a federal law that protects you from gender and sex-based discrimination at school. It applies to people of all genders and sexualities.

Under Title IX, your school has to:

- Act right away to make sure survivors can continue their education free of ongoing gender or sexual discrimination, harassment, or violence.
- Have procedures in place to handle complaints of sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence.
- Have a Title IX coordinator—a staff person designated by your school who handles Title IX complaints.

On college campuses, two important federal laws require schools to protect students and support survivors.

THE JEANNE CLERY ACT
is a federal law that protects your right to information about violence on campus. If you’re a survivor, it also gives you the right to support and resources.

Under the Clery Act, your school has to:

- Report sexual violence and make that information available to all students, faculty, and staff.
- Provide survivors with support and resources, whether it’s help feeling safe at school, accessing health services or counseling, or holding harm-doers accountable.

A "harm-doer" doesn’t have to be another student—it could be anyone, including teachers, school staff, or people who don’t attend or work at your school.

“Sexual violence” refers to any unwanted sexual activity. It can happen in—but isn’t limited to—domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking situations.
1. You have the right to know what your school is doing to address sexual violence.

Start by looking for information on your school's website, at a student resource center, or at your school's counseling center.

All schools are required by law to provide sexual violence awareness and prevention programs for all students, faculty, and staff.

Look for detailed information on how your school is dealing with sexual violence in your school's Annual Security Report (ASR).

The ASR should be somewhere that’s easy to access, like your school’s website. It should explain how your school handles reports of sexual violence, and the policies they have in place to protect and support survivors.

Your school is required by law to update its ASR and make it available to all students, faculty, and staff by October 1st of each year.

2. You have the right to accurate information about crime on campus.

Your school is required by law to report crimes in a public crime log. It should be somewhere that’s easy to access, like your school’s website.

Your school has to update the crime log quickly and regularly. Every two years of when the crime was committed. They also have to keep records of crimes that occurred in the past three years.

1. You have the right to be believed.

Your school is required by law to take immediate action to make sure you can continue your education free of ongoing sexual discrimination, harassment, or violence.

Your school is also required to provide you with information on resources that are available to you, like:

- Health care services
- Victim/survivor advocacy
- Legal assistance
- Visa and immigration assistance
- Student financial aid

It’s important to remember that healing is possible, even though it looks different for each survivor. You have a right to heal and to support throughout your healing process.

2. You have the right to support from your school, whether you choose to report something or not.

Some staff and faculty are required by law to report any information you tell them. This includes sexual violence, harassment, or discrimination.

If you want information about how to be confidential, ask anyone you talk to if they can treat you confidentially first.

3. You have the right to decide what justice looks like to you.

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If your school violates your rights, you can hold them accountable by filing a complaint. See back for more info.
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CLAP BACK!
We can work together to prevent sexual violence—and we can hold our schools accountable for protecting our rights as survivors and allies.

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO:
» An education free from discrimination
» Information about sexual violence on campus
» Support and healing
» Protection from retaliation

For more information on your rights, visit your campus health or counseling center, or go to black womens blueprint.org.
Your school can face serious consequences if it isn’t following Title IX or the Clery Act.

**FILING A COMPLAINT**

You can hold them accountable by filing a complaint if your school has discriminated against you, or if your school won’t provide information about sexual violence on campus—or if you have trouble finding support or getting information on resources available to you—you can file a Clery Act Complaint.

If your school has discriminated against you, file a Title IX complaint.

Contact your school’s Title IX coordinator to file one, or file directly with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights.

Find more information, including an online form that you can fill out, here: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html)

If your school won’t provide information about sexual violence on campus—or if you have trouble finding support or getting information on resources available to you—you can file a Clery Act Complaint.

Email the U.S. Department of Education’s Clery Act Compliance Division at clery@ed.gov

Learn more

Find resources for survivors:

**Black Women’s Blueprint**
Find culturally responsive counseling and healing services, bystander intervention training, and anti-oppression and trauma-responsive workshops: [blackwomensblueprint.org](http://blackwomensblueprint.org)

**The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)**
Find culturally specific resources in your area, including crisis counseling and support: [online.rainn.org](http://online.rainn.org) | 1-800-656-HOPE

**The Trevor Project**
Find resources designed for LGBTQIA youth, including suicide prevention counseling and sexual assault support: [thetrevorproject.org](http://thetrevorproject.org) | 1-866-488-7386

Connect with other organizations working to end sexual violence.

**End Rape On Campus**
[enderapeoncampus.org](http://enderapeoncampus.org)

**Safer Campus**
[safercampus.org](http://safercampus.org)

Learn more about Title IX and the Clery Act:

**Know Your IX**
[knowyourix.org](http://knowyourix.org)

**Clery Center**
[clerycenter.org](http://clerycenter.org)

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