

THE CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ELIMINATION ACT OF 2013

The Campus Save Act is a new law affecting colleges and universities



Methodist University prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

All reported offenses will be investigated and legal action taken as required by law.

Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

- Definition: Causing or attempting to cause bodily injury to
 - Current or former spouses,
 - Someone you live with,
 - Your parent or child, or grandparent or grandchild,
 - Someone you have a child with,
 - Someone currently or formerly in your household, or,
 - Someone you are romantically involved with over time and on a continuous basis
 - N.C.G.S. 50B-1

Sexual Assault

- A person is guilty of sexual assault or sexual battery if that person:
 - Engages in a sexual act, including touching, by force and against the will of another person; or
 - Engages in a sexual act, including touching, with a person who is mentally incapacitated or helpless
 - Engages in a sexual act with a child
 - N.C.G.S. 14-27.5A, 14-27.5,

Stalking

- When a person willfully on more than one occasion harasses another person or engages in a course of conduct which:
 - causes someone to fear for their safety or the safety of their family, or,
 - causes someone substantial emotional distress
 - NCGS 14-277.3A

Sanctions from Methodist

- If Methodist determines that any student or employee has engaged in any sexual violence, Methodist may take disciplinary action up to and including expulsion or termination.

Methodist Procedures

- Methodist will promptly, fairly, and impartially investigate and adjudicate reports of sexual harassment and violence in accordance with the “Title IX Procedures” found in the Student Manual and the Staff Handbook.

Methodist Procedures cont.

- Methodist's investigators and adjudicators will be trained on issues related to sexual harassment and violence
- Victims of sexual harassment and violence can be assisted in changing living, working, transportation, and academic situations.

Reducing the Risk of Sexual Violence

- We know that sexual violence is harmful, unlawful, and unacceptable in our community.
- As a community, we all have vital roles to play in reducing the risk of sexual violence.

Enhancing Personal Safety

- Be aware of your surroundings: know where – and with whom – you are. Avoid becoming isolated with someone you don't know or trust.
- Follow your instincts: do what you must to get away from people or situations that make you suspicious or uncomfortable.
- Keep your cell phone easily accessible when walking or exercising – day or night.

Enhancing Personal Safety cont.

- Go out with friends and check in with each other while you're out.
- Don't accept – or even sample – beverages from someone you don't know and trust.
- Avoid leaving your beverage unattended. Never drink a beverage that was left unattended, even for a short time.

Enhancing Personal Safety cont.

- If you're out with one person, make sure a trusted friend knows where you plan to be and with whom you are.
- It's never OK for anyone to pressure you to have sex.
- It's always your right to say "No" at any time.

Enhancing the Safety of Others

- Be a buddy! Keep a check on friends when you're out together to make sure they're OK.
- If you see anything that makes you concerned for another person's health or safety, take immediate action!
- If you can do so safely, intervene to help the person you believe to be at risk. Ask if they need help. If possible, seek support from others who are present.

Enhancing the Safety of Others cont.

- If it does not seem safe to intervene to help a person at risk, call for help immediately!
- On campus, call 910-630-7577 or 9-1-1 at any time for immediate assistance. You can also activate any emergency call box.
- Off campus, call 9-1-1 at any time.

Respect for Others

- Again, it is NEVER acceptable to pressure another person to have sex.
- If a person does not (or cannot) consent, it is a violation of their rights and a serious crime to have sex with him or her.
- Anything other than a clear “Yes”, actually means “No”!
- You must presume that an intoxicated or impaired person cannot consent to have sex.

Reporting Options

- Many survivors of sexual violence choose to report what happened to law enforcement or other officials and seek vital support services.
- However, many other survivors choose to share their experience and receive those vital support services on a confidential basis.
- Any individual who believes they have been subject to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking can speak with any Methodist University staff member who they have a comfort level with. This action will initiate the investigative process.

Reporting Options cont.

- Survivors of sexual violence or other crimes may contact the Methodist University Police Department (910-630-7577) for assistance and support at any time.
- University Police will discuss legal options and help link survivors with support services both on and off campus.
- Call 911 or Police Sergeant K. Berg, Head of Sexual Violence Unit - 910-433-1812 or kberg@ci.fay.nc.us

Reporting Options cont.

Methodist University Dean of Students Office

- William Walker, Dean of Students
910-630-7030 or wwalker@methodist.edu
- Todd Harris, Associate Dean of Students
910-630-7155 or toharris@methodist.edu

Preserving Vital Evidence

- Biological, medical, and physical evidence are important in order to identify perpetrators and help hold them accountable.
- This vital evidence should be collected and preserved as soon as possible.
- The preservation of such evidence does not require a survivor to publicly identify himself or herself or decide whether to prosecute a perpetrator.

Preserving Vital Evidence cont.

In order to preserve evidence, including DNA, survivors are advised not to...

Bathe or Shower

Use the Bathroom

Change Clothes

Comb, Brush or Wash Hair

before speaking with a medical professional, survivor advocate or, if desired, law enforcement officer.

Confidential Reporting Options

- Survivors of sexual violence or other crimes may choose to receive confidential, on-campus support from....
- Center for Personal Development: 910-630-7150
- Student Health Center: 910-630-7164
- Campus Ministries: 910-630-7157

On Campus Counseling Services

- The Center for Personal Development is located in Pearce Hall 910-630-7150.
- Licensed Professional Counselors are here to help you, provide advocacy and give you confidential support.
- Darlene Hopkins - dhopkins@methodist.edu
- Heather Regan – hregan@methodist.edu
- Dianna Cordero – dcordero@methodist.edu

Community Services

- Survivors of sexual violence or other crimes may choose to receive confidential off-campus support from....
- Rape Crisis Volunteers of Cumberland County: 910-584-7273 or Rape Crisis Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE
- Cape Fear Valley Medical Center: 910- 615-4000 or 888-728-WELL
- Employee Assistance Program 910-829-1731