



SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

The University of Delaware recognizes that many victims of crime encounter short and long term effects of their experiences in their daily lives. The University and the State of Delaware offer many services to assist victims of crime.

The following is a list of resources and information you may find helpful.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE RESOURCES

Human Resources

(302) 831-2171

The Office of Human Resources can assist you, in conjunction with your supervisor, with accessing the support services available on campus and getting the proper approval for absence, leave of absence and safety/security options.

The Faculty & Staff Assistance Program

(302) 831-2414

The Faculty & Staff Assistance Program is located on Hullihen Hall. The FSAP provides free and confidential services to all University employees. FSAP works with employees to address immediate and possible long term concerns and goals and has an extensive resource network to make referrals. Their focus is working with employees to develop an effective strategy to meet the needs of each employee.

Office of Equity and Inclusion

(302) 831-8063

The Office of Equity and Inclusion is committed to providing confidential support services to address concerns and allegations of harassment. As victim advocates, for concerns regarding harassment, they provide options counseling, resources and referrals, and accompaniment through the various grievance systems.

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS & INFORMATION

[University of Delaware Police Department](#)

(302) 831-2224

[City of Newark Police Department](#)

(302) 366-7111

[Delaware Office of the Attorney General](#)

(302) 577-8500

[Newark Alderman's Court 40](#)

(302) 366-7028

[Delaware's Victim Assistance Program](#)

1-800-VICTIM1

[Delaware State Family Court \(Order of Protection\)](#)

(302) 255-0420

VICTIM RIGHTS

Crime Victims have:

- A right to protection from intimidation and harm.
- A right to be treated with dignity and compassion.
- A right to have your personal information held confidential within the criminal justice process
- A right to be informed about the criminal justice process.
- A right to confer with the prosecutors regarding your criminal case.
- A right to reparations through the criminal justice or civil courts.
- A right to access state and local services for victims.
- A right to be consulted and participate in any University administrative processes.
- For addition information on victim's rights, refer to the [State of Delaware Victim's Bill of Rights](#).

HELP PAYING EXPENSES

The [Victim Compensation Assistance Program](#) of Delaware provides assistance to victims of crimes that are violent in nature. Crimes that are commonly awarded financial assistance include:

Assault Home Invasion Domestic Violence Kidnapping Sexual Assault

Types of financial assistance include reimbursement of costs not covered by insurance for:

Medical or dental expenses Counseling Costs of attending court proceedings Moving/relocation expenses and temporary housing

In order to be eligible for compensation:

- The crime must be reported to law enforcement within 72 hours.
- A claim must be filed with VCAP within 1 year of the crime.
- The victim must cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrator.
- The victim must cooperate with VCAP staff and provide all information requested.
- The victim must not have caused or contributed to his/her injury.

TIPS TO INCREASE YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

- Keep your room or apartment doors locked at all times (especially when you are not at home and when you are sleeping. Always identify people at your door before unlocking it and inviting them in.
- Never leave your property unattended or unsecured in a public place.
- Carry your cell phone in a place that is easily accessible in case of an emergency. Keep your cell phone charged and program emergency contact numbers into speed dial if possible.
- When socializing, avoid isolated areas. Go out in a group and stay together. If you are worried about a specific individual trying to get you alone, let someone in your group know about them.
- During the hours of darkness, consider using the safety escort program run by Public Safety. If you feel unsafe during the daytime, talk to the reporting police officer or a victim's services officer for daytime options.
- If someone is harassing you via a social networking site, block the individual with your security settings. If the harassment continues consider the following options:
 - Create a new profile with the highest level of security and only allow contact with profiles you know.
 - Limit the amount of information you put on your profile
 - Consider deactivating your profile for a while until ALL HARASSMENT ACTIVITY HAS STOPPED.
- Never give out your personal information to someone you don't know. This includes posing your address, phone numbers, schedule, etc. on your social networking site. Be cautious about what photographs you post.

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