



## **Student Sexual Misconduct Bill of Rights**

All students have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure by the institution;
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from the institution courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
6. Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few institution representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by the institution, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the institution;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an advisor of choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process; and
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of the institution.

At a hearing, Students also have the following procedural rights:

- The right to an Advisor of choice
- The right to be informed of the rules for participation at a hearing;
- Access to directly-related available evidence in the case file; and
- Right to make an impact statement regarding sanctions.

Students can report an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking to Rensselaer by contacting the Department of Public Safety 24/7 at (518) 276-6611 (emergency) or (518) 276-6656 (non-emergency).

Students can report an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking to law enforcement by calling 911 (emergency), Troy Police Department at (518) 270-4411, or the New York State Police at (844) 845-7269.

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For a translation of the Student Sexual Misconduct Bill of Rights into a different language, please use the following link, click on the *Student Bill of Rights* tab and select a language.

<https://www.suny.edu/violence-response/>