First Steps In Getting Support and/or Making A Report:

1. **Get to a safe place.** If you are reaching out right after an assault has occurred, get to a place where you feel safe. That might be your own room or that of a friend, home with your family, or an office on campus.

2. **Get help.** If you feel you’re able to, consider telling someone you trust what has happened. Call for medical attention and/or emotional support—numbers for on and off campus resources are in this pamphlet.

3. ** Decide about making a report.** Regardless of how recently the assault took place, these resources are available to you, and you can report it. Call or walk in to one of the offices in this pamphlet to get support, make a report and/or talk about your options. If you wish to make a report online, you can do so at: http://www.utica.edu/college/tix/report.cfm

4. **Title IX coordinator contact and support:** A Title IX Coordinator will reach out to you as soon as possible after receiving a report from you or one of the private/non-confidential reporting resource people. S/he will make sure you have the information and are connected to the resources you need to make choices about next steps.

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**DEFINITIONS***

**Sexual Assault/Misconduct...**
Sexual Assault or Misconduct encompasses any sexual activity that occurs without the victim’s consent.

**Domestic or Dating Violence...**
is the use of physical violence, coercion, threats, intimidation, isolation or other forms of violence a pattern of verbally, physically, or sexually abusive behavior directed towards a person who is, or has been, in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with each other, including spouses or former spouses, cohabiting romantic partners, individuals who share a child in common, or others in a family relationship.

**Stalking...** is persistent behavior directed at a specific individual that is experienced as unwelcome, intrusive or induces fear. Stalking is a pattern of behavior that results in the targeted individual of the behavior feeling harassed and threatened.

**Consent** is defined as sexual permission. Affirmative consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in any form of sexual activity. Consent can be given by word or action, but non-verbal consent is less clear than explicit verbal consent. In addition, consent to some form of sexual activity can not be automatically taken as consent to any other sexual activity. Effective consent can not be given by a person who is unable to understand what they are doing or is not of legal age (which is 17 in New York).

*For full definitions and other related information, please see http://www.utica.edu/college/tix/

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**WHO TO CALL AND WHERE TO GO**

Utica College Reporting and Support Services

Sexual Assault
Sexual Harassment
Intimate Partner Violence
Gender-Based Harassment
Stalking

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Student Bill of Rights

All individuals have the right to:

1. Make a report to the College, 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 conduct process and or criminal justice process free from pressure by Utica College;
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 College 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 College representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by Utica College, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family, and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of Utica College;
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 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 Utica College.

Confidential Resources

Confidential resources cannot disclose any information by law. The only time that information will be disclosed is with permission from the student or if the student is in imminent danger of hurting themselves or someone else.

On Campus

Counseling Center
Student Wellness Center
Strebel Student Center, room 204
(315) 792-3094
To contact a counselor after office hours or on weekend, call Campus Safety at (315) 792-3046.

Student Health Center
Student Wellness Center
Strebel Student Center, room 204
(315) 792-3094

YWCA Campus Advocate
Available on campus in the Student Wellness Center, Mondays from 9:00–11:00 a.m. or by appointment.
Contact etheophile@ywcamv.org or Oneida County YWCA 24 hour hotline at 315-797-7740

Off Campus

YWCA of the Mohawk Valley
24-Hour Hotline and Referrals
(315) 797-7740
(Oneida County, Domestic/Sexual Violence)
(315) 866-4120
(Herkimer County, Sexual Violence)

Local Hospitals
(315) 624-6112
Faxton-St. Luke’s Emergency Room
(315) 801-8111
St. Elizabeth’s Emergency Room

New York State Police
(844) 845-7269

For online or branch campus students and employees, please see the Title IX webpage at www.utica.edu/tix for resources in your area.