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For more information, please contact the Title IX Officer.

### Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

In March 2013, President Obama signed The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act which focuses on improving the criminal justice response to violence against women. VAWA enhanced accountability for colleges to educate students and prevent gender biased violence. Additional rights were afforded to campus victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

### Title IX

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and activities. Coast Community College District policies and procedures are intended to ensure a safe and non-discriminatory educational environment and comply with Title IX and other applicable laws.

### Clery Act

The Jeanne Clery Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies.



**This experience was NOT your fault.  
Reach out for support, because you  
are not alone.**

## On-Campus Resources

### Confidential/Private On-Campus Resources

GWC Mental Health Services –  
Student Health Center 714-895-8379

### Other On-Campus Resources

Title IX Officer, Carla Martinez 714-895-8781  
Public Safety 714-895-8924

## Off Campus Resources

### North Orange County

Community Services Programs (CSP) 714-834-4317  
Sexual Assault Victim Services 714-667-5220  
Casa de la Familia

### South Orange County

Community Services Programs (CSP) 949-752-1971  
Sexual Assault Victim Services 714-957-2737  
Rape Crisis Hotlines (24 hour) 949-831-9110  
Anaheim Regional Medical Center 714-774-1450  
(Rape exam free of charge with police authorization)

### Long Beach

Long Beach YWCA, sexual assault/rape hotline 877-943-5778

### Los Angeles County

Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center 310-319-4503  
(Rape exam free of charge without police authorization)  
Casa de la Familia 213-384-7848

### Additional Resources

Coast Community College District Board Policy/Administrative  
Procedures 5910 – Sexual Misconduct



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# SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Information for Students,  
Faculty and Staff



## What is Sexual Misconduct?

Sexual misconduct is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical contact of a sexual nature. Sexual misconduct is conduct that explicitly or implicitly affects a person's employment or education or interferes with a person's work or educational performance or creates an environment such that a reasonable person would find the conduct intimidating, hostile, or offensive.

Sexual misconduct may include incidents between any members of the College or District community. Sexual misconduct can occur between strangers or acquaintances, or people who know each other well, including between people involved in an intimate relationship. Sexual misconduct can be committed by anyone regardless of gender identity and can occur between people of the same or different sex or gender.

### **Some examples of harassing behavior include, but are not limited to:**

- Insults, name-calling, and offensive jokes
- Intimidating words or actions
- Unwelcome or inappropriate touching
- Sexually suggestive remarks or gestures
- Unsolicited pornographic materials
- Obscene messages (via text or computer)
- Stalking
- Sexual exploitation
- Domestic violence
- Pressure for sexual activity or a date
- Sexual assault and rape

## What is Consent?

Per California Senate Bill No. 967 enacted into law in September, 2014, affirmative consent means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. It is the responsibility of each person involved in the sexual activity to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of the other or others to engage in the sexual activity. Lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent. Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time. The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent.

If the complainant is incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol, medication, mental or physical impairment, asleep or unconscious, then there is no consent.

## What to Do if You've Been a Victim of Sexual Misconduct

- Go to a safe place
- If you feel you are in danger, call 911. If on campus, contact our 24/7 Public Safety Department at 714-895-8924.
- Call a friend, a family member or someone else you trust and ask them to stay with you. Don't feel like you have to go through this alone.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible to treat any injuries you may have sustained and to collect any evidence of the assault.
- Contact a therapist that is trained to assist rape victims about emotional and physical impacts of the assault.

## Reporting

If you are a victim of sexual misconduct, you have the choice to report the crime to the local police and/or the Title IX Officer at Golden West College.

You may choose to contact local law enforcement, which will give you the option to possibly initiate a criminal investigation.

Formal complaints of violations to Golden West College's Sexual Misconduct Policy can be filed with the Title IX Officer. You may also contact Campus Public Safety or the Student Health Center.

It is important that you know that the Title IX Officer and Public Safety are mandatory reporters and therefore cannot keep the report confidential. However, the mental health therapist in the Student Health Center has the legal ability to keep your report confidential from others at Golden West College as well as law enforcement.

## Resources

You are not alone! Whether you are seeking support immediately following an assault or looking for support some time later, there are resources available to you. The Golden West College Student Health Center offers short-term therapy which is confidential. The Student Health Center can also provide you with off campus resources that will assist you at this difficult time.

## Medical Assistance and Referrals

Students are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention and support regardless of when the incident occurred. It is important that you seek treatment for your injuries, given prophylactic antibiotics and be offered emergency contraceptives.

In Orange County, sexual assault exams are conducted at Anaheim Regional Medical Center. A police officer is required to authorize the exam.

Physical evidence from a sexual assault must be collected within 96 hours of the assault. It is important that you do not wash yourself or your clothing before the examination.

Please note that you do not have to press charges to have a sexual assault examination completed. The State may hold the evidence for a period of time while you decide if you would like to make a formal report to local authorities.

## Incidences Involving Alcohol and Other Drugs

An individual accused of sexual misconduct does not avoid or mitigate responsibility because he/she was under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

If someone is incapacitated due to alcohol or drugs, they can NOT legally give consent.

If you choose to report a sexual assault while you were under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will not be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct.

