

The Murray State University Police Department

Consolidated Victims’ Rights and Resources

TITLE IX RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

(Sexual Discrimination/Harassment Offenses) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program. MSU Police, in their role as, “Responsible Employees” under Title IX, are required to report all incidents of sexual violence and other sexual discrimination to the University. Additionally, MSU Police are required to advise students of their right to file a complaint with the University, regardless of their desire to continue an investigation with law enforcement. You may do so by contacting the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) at 270-809-3155 or in 103 Wells Hall.

CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

- When a student or employee reports being the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether on or off campus, the following rights and options will be provided.
- Procedures victims should follow if dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred:**
 - Report the Incident - Emergencies: 911 or 270-809-2222 for MSU Police. You may also report to Student Affairs: 270-809-6831, the IDEA Office: 270-809-3155, or the Housing Office: 270-809-2310, if you’re a resident student.
 - Preserve Evidence - Preserving evidence in all cases is imperative. For example, avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth, if at all possible, after a sexual assault; this can destroy vital evidence. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement.
 - Law Enforcement Involvement - Victims have the right to notify police or decline police involvement. If the victim chooses to notify the police, campus security authorities can assist with the notification, if needed.
 - Protection Orders and No-Contact Orders - Where applicable, the MSU Police Department will assist with the acquisition, service, and enforcement of domestic violence and civil no-contact orders. You may also request a “No Contact Order” from Student Affairs if you feel threatened or unsafe.
 - How will Murray State Protect Victim Confidentiality?**
 - KY Law– The police department will not release the names of victims or witnesses unless required by law.
 - Mostly Confidential– The conversations regarding these incidents are kept as confidential as possible, but information about certain crimes and misconduct must be shared with relevant administrators and the Title IX Coordinator so that the University can take action, if necessary, for safety reasons. In planning a response, the wishes of the survivor are given full consideration.

CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AND OPTIONS (continued)

- What are the existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available both within Murray State and in the community?**
 - MSU Counseling Services– C104 Oakley Applied Science Bldg. 270-809-6851, msu.counselingcenter@murraystate.edu.
 - MSU Psychological Center– 401 Wells Hall, 270-809-3822
 - MSU College of Education and Human Services Counseling and Assessment Center-Counseling Wellness Services– 3rd Floor Alexander Hall, 270-809-3822
 - Employee Assistance Program (Wayne Corporation)- 502-451-8262, 800-441-1327
 - MSU Police Department– 270-809-2222
 - MSU Women’s Center– C103 Oakley Applied Science Bldg. 270-809-3140, msu.womenscenter@murraystate.edu
 - MSU Health Services– Wells Hall, 270-809-3809
 - MSU Office of Disability Services– 4th Floor Wells Hall, 270-809-2018.
 - International Student Services– 117 Woods Hall, 270-809-3089
 - LGBT Alliance– 243 Blackburn Science Bldg., 270-809-5040
 - MSU IDEA Office– 103 Wells Hall, 270-809-3155
- OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES:**
 - Murray Police– 407 Poplar St., 270-753-1621
 - Four Rivers Behavioral Health– 270-753-6622, 24-Hour Crisis Line: 800-592-3980
 - Lotus (formerly PASAC)– 800-928-7273 (24-Hour help line), 270-534-4422 (Office), website: hopehealgrow.org
 - Merryman House Domestic Violence Center 24-Hour Crisis Line: 800-585-2686, website: merrymanhouse.org
 - Murray Psychiatric Associates- 270-761-0043
 - Murray/Calloway County Hospital– 803 Poplar St., 270-753-9725
 - Calloway County Health Department– 270-753-3381
- What options and assistance is available to victims in changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations?**
 - The Title IX Coordinator or Student Affairs representative can speak to you about possible assistance like changing academic, living, and transportation situations. These remedies may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to campus police or local law enforcement.
- What are the procedures for disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking?**
 - Victims may choose to file conduct charges for violations of the university policy. Student Affairs Staff members are available to guide you through the conduct process and answer any questions.

INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE RIGHTS AND OPTIONS THROUGH THE KENTUCKY VICTIMS’ BILL OF RIGHTS

Provisions of the Victims Bill of Rights apply to all felony and misdemeanor proceedings in a district or circuit court of the Commonwealth, and to individuals who have suffered direct or threatened physical, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime classified as any of the following:

Stalking	Criminal homicide
Unlawful Imprisonment	Robbery
Terroristic threatening	Burglary
Menacing	Rape
Harassing Communications	Sodomy
Intimidating a witness	Kidnapping
Assault	Sexual abuse
Wanton endangerment	Criminal abuse

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION

The Kentucky Victims Compensation Board (CVCB) is responsible for ensuring an impartial and fair review of all claims, compensating qualifying victims of criminally injurious conduct for losses incurred due to the physical and psychological injury or death resulting from a violent crime. In the process, victims will be treated with respect, compassion, and dignity. The CVCB is located at 130 Brighton Park Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601. They can be reached by telephone at 502-573-2290. Website: <http://cvcb.ky.gov/>

ROLE OF VICTIM/WITNESS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS:

The prosecution of a criminal case is a partnership between the victim/witness, law enforcement, and the Commonwealth Attorney. The role of the Murray State Police is to investigate the crime, complete accurate reports, and assist the Commonwealth Attorney in the presentation of factual testimony. The Commonwealth Attorney may call upon victims and witnesses to provide information ahead of trial and to testify in court. Both the MSU PD and the Commonwealth Attorney make every effort to keep all prosecution members informed in advance.

ARREST OF THE ACCUSED:

The Murray State Police Department or other law enforcement agency with jurisdiction will notify the victim of the arrest of the accused. Such notification will be advised in a reasonable amount of time after the arrest. Victims are encouraged to notify the law enforcement conducting the investigation of any changes in address or phone number.