We are here to help

If someone tells you he or she has been sexually assaulted, it is your responsibility to inform the survivor that you cannot guarantee his/her anonymity or confidentiality, but you will do your best to honor any such request. If the survivor wants a guarantee of confidentiality he/she must seek one of the confidential resources listed below. Confidential reporting resources are not required to report the survivor’s identity.

**Offer support.**

Allow the survivor to share openly without making judgments or evaluations.

**Call the police.**

The USC police department’s victim advocate can help survivors obtain restraining orders/orders of protection. Reporting assault is different from prosecuting it.

*Contact:* USC Police Department 803-777-4215 or 911

**Offer professional help.**

USC has specially trained advocates on call 24/7 to provide support, information and referrals to survivors of sexual assault.

*If survivor agrees, contact:* Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention and Prevention 803-777-8248 *confidential resource

**Recommend medical help.**

Encourage the survivor to seek medical attention, which is important no matter what.

*If survivor agrees, visit:* Palmetto Richland Emergency Room, 5 Richland Medical Park Dr. Columbia, SC 29203 *confidential resource

**Offer emotional support.**

USC students can receive confidential counseling on campus.

*If survivor agrees, contact:* Counseling and Human Development Center 803-777-5223 *confidential resource

**Offer judicial support.**

USC can help a survivor file a complaint (different from a police report) against an alleged assailant; conduct an investigation; and arrange protective measures including no-contact orders, residence hall changes and class schedule changes.

*If survivor agrees, complete:* sc.edu/sexualassault or contact Student Conduct 803-777-4333; Equal Opportunity Programs 803-777-3854

**Offer relocation services.**

Survivors who don’t feel safe in their current residences can get help finding temporary housing.

*If survivor agrees, contact:* on campus – University Housing 803-530-9477 off campus, women only – Sistercare 803-765-9428

**Report the incident to the Title IX coordinator.**

*If survivor requests anonymity:* Explain that you will honor his/her request, but you must complete an anonymous report. Complete the form at sc.edu/sexualassault.

*If survivor does not request anonymity:* Complete the form at sc.edu/sexualassault giving the name of the survivor.

**Share the survivor resource card.**

A printable list of resources for victims can be found online at sc.edu/sexualassault.