As a student of UNSW you have the right to feel safe and secure at all times and to be able to fully participate in all aspects of life on campus. We believe that unwanted sexual attention including harassment, stalking and assault can prevent a student from taking part in activities and involvement in the life of the University.

We will support students who report sexual harassment or sexual assault. There are internal (i.e. within UNSW) and external options available. You will find some suggestions and resources to assist below.

What is assault, harassment...?

What is: Sexual assault

Sexual assault basically refers to any unwanted sexual behaviour which makes a person feel uncomfortable, threatened or scared. It covers a range of different types of assault including:

- Rape which is classified as forced, unwanted sex or sexual acts;
- Child sexual abuse is when any person uses power over a child to involve that child in sexual activity;
- Indecent assault is any assault that occurs under indecent circumstances.

What is: Sexual harassment

Sexual harassment is defined as any form of unwelcome sexual behaviour that is offensive, humiliating or intimidating and it is against the law. Sexual harassment can include:

- Unwelcome touching, grabbing or other physical contact
- Comments that have sexual meanings
- Asking for sex or sexual favours
- Leering and staring
- Displaying rude and offensive material
- Sexual gestures or body movement
- Sexual jokes and comments
- Questions about your sex life
- Sex based insults
- Criminal offences such as obscene phone calls, indecent exposure or sexual assault

Other forms of sexual misconduct
Examples of other forms of related misconduct which could involve sexual acts and behaviours involve:

- domestic and family violence
- abusive relationships and dating violence
- stalking
- technology facilitated abuse
- hazing/initiation rituals

More information

For more information and resources see the Reachout.com and NSW Rape Crisis Centre websites.

Prevention by UNSW

What does UNSW do to prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment?

Sexual and gendered violence of all forms are a pervasive reality in today's world and, being in the education sector, Universities have a unique opportunity and responsibility to effect social change and eliminate these behaviours and the attitudes and beliefs which underpin them from our society. At UNSW, we accept our legal and moral obligation to ensure that every individual is treated with dignity, courtesy and respect. We believe that educating the university community is central to building a culture of respect and that education programs and standard setting is at the heart of any prevention program.

Training provided

We provide comprehensive ‘preventing sexual assault and harassment’ awareness training to our student leaders and both staff and students in our residential colleges to ensure they:

- know what consent is, in terms of sexual relationships, and when it can and can't be given
- understand boundaries and how to communicate what people are comfortable and not comfortable with so they can navigate relationships successfully
- recognise unconscious bias and the impacts of language and everyday gendered micro-aggressions that can unconsciously promote a culture of disrespect
- recognise respectful and disrespectful behaviour to empower bystanders to speak out when they hear or see inappropriate behaviour
- understand thoroughly UNSW staff and student codes of behaviour.

We have also conducted unconscious bias training for our university leaders. In addition, we will be implementing ‘gendered violence’ awareness training to staff and students over the coming months in person and by way of an e-learning package tailored specifically to the UNSW context. We communicate the expected standards of behaviour as part of the mandatory training for all new commencing students at UNSW. We recognise that effecting cultural change is a ‘whole-of-campus’ collective responsibility.

Underpinning our training and awareness programs we are also strengthening our staff and student codes of conduct and making our policies and procedures in relation to sexual misconduct more visible and more accessible. UNSW has been at the forefront of the Universities Australia 'Respect.Now.Always' campaign and is committed to preventing sexual assault and harassment in our community. Every report of sexual misconduct made to UNSW will be looked at immediately, support provided to affected individuals and any member of our community who is found to be in breach of a UNSW Code of Conduct or contractual agreement will be sanctioned in accordance with the severity of the breach.

UNSW benefits from the strong leadership and a collective of powerful advocates from staff and student groups driving the prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault on UNSW campuses. We will be an exemplar in equity, diversity and inclusion; a university where our staff and students can reach their full potential in a supportive and respectful culture and a university that allows all our students to fully participate in every aspect of life on campus.

Emergency contacts and 24/7 Counselling
If immediate assistance is required please use these contacts:

**EMERGENCIES:**

**ON campus emergency (24/7)**
Phone 9385 6666 for Campus Security (Kensington, Paddington, Coogee, Randwick & NIDA campus)

**OFF campus emergency (24/7)**
Phone **Triple Zero (000)** for police, fire and ambulance.

**COUNSELLING:**

**NEW NATIONAL UNIVERSITY 24/7 support line for Students**
Phone **1800 572 224** - Run by specialist trauma counselling services RAPE and Domestic Violence Services Australia

**OTHER EXTERNAL Counselling support and advice (24/7)**
Phone **1800 RESPECT** (1800 737 737) for the National Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Help Line.

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**Report an incident here >**

We encourage you to use this portal to report a current or past incident of sexual misconduct which has happened to you even if the incident is not associated with UNSW. This [FAQ on the portal](#) may answer any questions you have.

You can also [report incidents to police](#) as well as reporting through the portal.

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**Where to get more support**

**Support at UNSW**

Here you can find support on campus at UNSW:

- **Campus Security** - 24 hour security to protect you and prevent crime. 9385 6666
- **Counselling and Psychological Services** - Meet confidentially with a qualified psychologist. 9385 5418
- **Health Services** - Make a confidential appointment with a Doctor: 9385 5425
- **Residential Colleges** - Each College has complaint procedures and support available.
- **Student Development International** - Support for international students
- **Educational Support Service** - Confidential consultations for students requiring educational support, or advice on UNSW policies and procedures: 9385 4734
- **Ally network for LGBTIQ** - Support for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, intersex or queer students.
Nura Gili - Support for Indigenous students.

Legal services - Legal advice and advocacy for students

Women’s Collective at Arc - Contact your Student Representative Council.

Support outside UNSW

MEDICAL AND COUNSELLING

The closest specialist sexual assault services to UNSW (for young people aged 14 years and older and adults) is at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Camperdown:

- Address: Eastern & Central Sydney Sexual Assault Service, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown
- Phone daytime: (02) 9515 9040
- Phone after hours: (02) 9515 6111

NSW Health Sexual Assault Service - counselling and medical assistance

Sydney Sexual Health Centre - LGBTI safe place particularly if you want information on sexually transmitted diseases

NSW Rape Crisis Centre - 1800 424 017

National Domestic Violence Hotline

National Home Doctor Service

The Albion Centre - a multidisciplinary public health care facility with a primary focus on HIV management

NSW Victims Services - Help for victims of sexual assault

- Victims Support Line (Victims Access Line 1800 633 063)
- Aboriginal Contact Line 1800 019 123

Lifeline - 24 hour mental health help and crisis line

Medical and counselling in Canberra/ACT

ACT Health: Forensic and Medical Sexual Assault Care (FAMSAC)

- Tel: 02 6244 2185
- or call the Canberra Hospital switchboard on 02 6244 2222

Canberra Rape Crisis:

- Women and Girls (02) 6247 2525
- Text only (for hearing impaired): 0488 586 518 7.00am-11.00pm 7 days.
- Men (02) 6287 3935 9am-5pm Monday-Friday
- Forensic Medical Care 24/7 call-out (02) 6247 2525

WOMEN’S SUPPORT

Sydney Women’s Counselling Centre

Aboriginal Women’s Sexual Assault Network

MEN’S SUPPORT
Mensline

*Survivors and mates support network*

*White Ribbon* - preventing men's violence against women

**LGBTIQ**

*Another Closet* - Domestic and family violence support for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, intersex or queer

**POLICE**

*NSW Police Assistance Line* - for non-emergencies and general enquiries

*NSW Police Adult Sexual Assault*

*SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING OPTIONS (SARO)* - Sexual assault questionnaire

*Crime Stoppers* - provide crime information anonymously

**LEGAL SUPPORT**

*Women's Legal Services NSW* - a community legal centre providing women across NSW with a range of free legal services. Contact Line 1800 801 501. Telephone Interpreter Service 13 14 50