

NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY

Suggested Actions for Victims of Sexual Assault

While all types of Sexual Misconduct are inappropriate and taken seriously by New York Film Academy, actions involving Sexual Assault are particularly concerning. If you are a victim of Sexual, NYFA's top priority is to help you take steps to address your safety, medical needs and emotional well-being. You are encouraged to take the following actions regardless of whether you have made the decision to pursue criminal charges and/or NYFA disciplinary actions.

New York Film Academy is required to provide information about where a student should report Sexual Misconduct along with information about the importance of preserving evidence for possible criminal prosecution, and are obligated to afford students the following rights:

- Every complainant has the right to choose whether or not to file a complaint with New York Film Academy's Title IX Coordinator.
- Every complainant has the right to file with law enforcement, with assistance from the Title IX Coordinator, if requested.
- Every complainant and respondent has the right to an impartial investigation
- Every complainant and respondent has the right to present witnesses and other evidence in support of their case.
- Every complainant and respondent have the right to have an advisor his or her choice present during any meeting related to the Title IX investigation.
- Every complainant and respondent has the right to receive information regarding disciplinary proceedings and to be informed of on and off campus resources.
- Every complainant and respondent has the right to have the complaint decided on by a preponderance of evidence standard (it is more likely than not that sexual misconduct occurred).
- Every complainant and respondent has the right to be notified, in writing, of the outcome of the complaint
- Every complainant and respondent has the right to appeal the decision of the Title IX Coordinator.
- If the complainant or respondent believes New York Film Academy did not handle the complaint properly, every complainant or respondent have the right to file a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

1. Ensure Your Physical Safety

At anytime, you may seek help from law enforcement by dialing 911 or contacting your local police department. If you want assistance with filing a complaint, we encourage you to contact the Title IX Coordinator.

Important Contact Information NYFA Resources

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Community Resources

Rape Treatment Center @ UCLA Medical Center

1250 16th St, Santa Monica, CA

310-319-4000

Strength United

1811 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA
818-886-0453 or 661-253-0258

Burbank Police Department

818-886-0453

Los Angeles Police Department

877-238-3000

LA County District Attorney's Victim - Witness Assistance Program

webmail@da.lacounty.gov

213-974-3512

SAVI: Elmhurst Hospital Center

79-01 Broadway, Queens, NY 11373
718-334-1418

CRISIS HOTLINES

LA Peace Over Violence Hotline

626-793-3385

RAINN Sexual Assault Hotline

1-800-656-4673

2. Seek Medical Assistance and Treatment

It is crucial that you obtain medical attention as soon as possible after a Sexual Assault to determine the possibilities of physical injury and to prevent or treat sexually transmitted diseases. Medical facilities can also screen for the presence of sedative drugs such as Rohypnol or GHB. Medical Assistance and Treatment can also be crucial in helping preserving evidence.

If you choose to have an evidence collection kit (Rape Kit) completed, it is important to do so within 72 hours. Even if you have not decided to file charges, it is advisable to have the evidence collection kit completed so that you can preserve the options of obtaining a protective order and/or filing criminal charges at a later date.

In order to best preserve evidence for an evidence collection kit, it is recommended to avoid showering, bathing, going to the bathroom, brushing your teeth, or combing your hair before the kit is complete.

You should also wear (or take with you in a paper bag) to the hospital the same clothing that you were wearing during the assault. However, if you have already preformed any of these activities, an evidence collection kit can still be completed.

3. Obtain Emotional Support

New York Film Academy's School Counselor or Therapist can help victims sort through their feelings and begin the recovery process. The professionals in the Counseling Offices are trained to provide crisis intervention on short-term and emergency issues. Referral services for outside providers and law enforcement can be provided. Counseling is free of charge to all Students, strictly confidential, not a part of the Student's record, and will not be reported to other NYFA Administration.

4. Obtain Information/ Report Prohibited Conduct

You are encouraged to report incidents of Sexual Misconduct to New York Film Academy's Title IX Coordinator, regardless, if you have filed a report directly with law enforcement. Further information about how to report Sexual Misconduct along with other types of Prohibited Conducted is laid out in New York Film Academy's Sexual Misconduct and Sex-Based Discrimination Policy. Said policy can be viewed in length at https://hub.nyfa.edu/title_ix

New York Film Academy provides options and assistance with changing academic, living, and transportation situations, if requested, regardless of whether or not a formal report has been made.

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