

Campus Safety & Community Resources 2018-19

VBSPN is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive learning environment. Title IX and School Board policy and regulation do not tolerate sexual harassment, sexual violence, inappropriate sexual conduct or discrimination of any student, faculty or staff members. The Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing provides resources and classes for students during the school year discussing sexual assault including rape, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence. In addition, the Virginia Beach Police Department is the primary law enforcement responder for reported crimes and criminal emergencies. Their crime prevention resources are also made available to VBSPN students and faculty. VBSPN promotes awareness regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking through the VBSPN curriculum in the first and second year of the program and through policies detailed in the School Board policies and regulations as well as handbooks for students and employees.

Who Should I Contact?

If a student believes he/she is a victim of sexual harassment, he/she may contact the school principal (David Swanger, Director, Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center, (757) 648- 5850) or Michael B. McGee, Title IX Coordinator/Director of Student Leadership, (757) 263-2020 and/or the Title IX Coordinator in accordance with School Board Regulation [S. B. Reg. 5-44.1/Rule 26] or call 911.

Confidentiality

The choice to speak to others about a sexual assault or other crime, including law enforcement authorities, is up to the victim. If you do not wish to speak to medical or law enforcement personnel, you are not required to do so. Some may find it is difficult to choose whether or not to talk about the crime. A sexual assault victim advocate or medical professional— whose services are confidential—can help you weigh your options in making this decision. As the victim of a crime, you are important: with your participation, authorities may be able to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrator.

Procedure to Follow

Department of Criminal Justice Services, Victim Services Section:

1. Immediately after the assault, you may be in a state of shock. Victims react in different ways, sometimes hysterically, angrily, or calmly. Whatever your reaction, you probably will make better decisions by talking to someone you trust or to someone who has training in crisis intervention and can help you understand your reactions and options
2. Usually, your first reaction will be to take a bath or shower. *Please do not.* Instead, wrap yourself in something warm, such as a blanket or coat this will reserve any evidence.
3. Stay warm and call 911 or someone to help you immediately.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is a crime and a violation of School Board policies and regulations. “Sexual assault” is defined as any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. Falling under the definition of sexual assault are, but not limited to, the following acts: forced sexual intercourse, sexual contact without consent, forcible sodomy, child

molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. To constitute lack of consent, the acts must be committed either by force, threat of force, intimidation, or through use of a victim's mental helplessness, which includes incapacitation by alcohol or other drugs. Sexual assault also includes intentionally touching, directly or through clothing, of the victim's genitals, breasts, thighs, or buttocks without the victim's consent, as well as unwanted touching or fondling. A full list of crimes can be found in Title 18.2, Chapter 4: Crimes against the Person of the Code of Virginia.

Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking

VBSPN prohibits threats and acts of violence on school property. In addition, VBSPN prohibits threats or acts of violence at any school-sponsored event. Incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking should be reported to local police authorities, to the VB Technical and Career Education Center's Director or Title IX Coordinator.

Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Prevention and Response

Allegations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that are reported to a school official for investigation and for a disciplinary hearing may result in suspension or expulsion from VBSPN if it involves a student and disciplinary action up to the termination of employment if it involves an employee. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding. Information about resources available in the community for any student who is a victim of sexual assault is provided by the VBCPS Office of Psychological Services. In addition, any student involved in an alleged domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking incident will be given assistance by the VBCPS Office of Psychological Services and will be encouraged to report the incident to local law enforcement authorities.

Confidential Reporting Procedures

If you are a victim of a crime, you are not required to reveal your identity, nor are you required to pursue criminal action within the criminal justice system or disciplinary action within VBSPN. You may file a confidential report with the VBSPN director or through the VBCPS Title IX Coordinator. The purpose of the confidential report is to comply with an individual's wish to keep the identity of the individual confidential while taking steps to ensure the safety of the individual and others. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics. Information involving potential danger to individuals or others reported directly to school officials by persons requesting confidentiality may be reported to law enforcement authorities by VBSPN.

Safety tips General Crime Prevention Tips

1. Call the police IMMEDIATELY if you see or hear something suspicious. Trust your instincts. Do not hesitate to dial 911 in an emergency. Be sure to tell them exactly where you are and what you see.
2. Keep your possessions in sight at all times. Do not leave your personal electronics, telephones, or other valuables unattended.
3. If you have a vehicle on campus, ensure that you take a few seconds to place your personal property out of sign or preferably secured in the trunk. Lock you vehicle doors.
4. Walk with friends or request that a school staff member escort you when coming into or out of the building. Stay in well-lit and well-traveled areas, do not wear headphones that reduce your ability to hear your surroundings. Do not load yourself down with items that make you appear to be vulnerable or unable to quickly respond to a situation.
5. Choose the safest route- not the quickest route.
6. Destroy documents that contain personal identifying information.
7. Never let unauthorized persons into your vehicle or into the school building.
8. Never prop open doors and make sure that doors close behind you. Always know who is at a door when you open it.
9. Do not leave drinks unattended and do not accept drinks that you cannot verify are free from drugs or other substances.
10. Become an active bystander in situations that do not look safe or where another person appears to be a victim of violence by reporting inappropriate or threatening activity and encourage victims to report violence. You can report violent, inappropriate, or threatening behavior at any time.

For immediate help, contact 911 Don't hesitate to contact someone who can help you:

- Director, Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center:
David Swanger: (757) 648- 5850
- Title IX Coordinator/Director of Student Leadership:
Michael B. McGee: (757) 263-2020

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Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking

P.O. Box 2187 Portsmouth, VA 23702-0187 757-485-1445 757-485-3384 (hotline)
www.hershelter.com

Response Sexual Assault Support Services of the YWCA 5215 Colley Ave Norfolk, VA
23510-1220 757-622-4300 www.ywca-shr.org

Samaritan House P.O. Box 2400, #226 Virginia Beach, VA 757-430-2120 PALS 757-631-0710
www.samaritanhouseva.org

YWCA Women In Crisis Program Norfolk 757-625-5570

Navy Family Advocacy Program - Norfolk program for Navy families, counseling, support, advocacy and crisis intervention. 1896 Laser Road, Suite 120, Virginia Beach, VA 23460 Phone 757-433-2912

Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline Statewide hotline, 1-800-838-8238

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital - medical care for sexual assault victims that includes evidence collection. 24-hour emergency services, 757-388-3551 or 911

LGBT Center of Hampton Roads - community organization providing resources, advocacy, and counseling. 247 W 25th St, Norfolk, Virginia (757) 200-9198.

National Child Abuse Hotline/Childhelp 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)
www.childhelp.org

National Hotlines National Center on Elder Abuse Help Hotline 1-800-677-1116
www.ncea.aoa.gov

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) www.ndvh.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

National Stalking Resource Center 1-800-FYI-CALL (M-F 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. EST)
gethelp@ncvc.org

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline 1-866-331-9474 1-866-331-8453 TTY
www.loveisrespect.org