Sexual Assault Protocol

Sexual assault, including date/acquaintance rape, is a matter of great concern to the Emmanuel College Office of Campus Safety. If you or someone you know believes they might be the victim of a sexual assault, on or off-campus, you are urged to contact the Office of Campus Safety immediately. The Office of Campus Safety has nine sexual assault investigators on staff that can be of great assistance.

After being notified of a possible sexual assault, the following protocol will be initiated if the victim chooses to report within the College and/or with the Boston Police:

The Office of Campus Safety will:

- Meet with you at a time and place of your choice to take a report.
- Notify the Title IX Coordinator that a sexual assault may have occurred. He/She will coordinate the College’s response to the incident, which may include changes to the survivor’s or alleged assailant’s living or academic situation.
- Assist in arranging contact with the Police Department with primary jurisdiction of the area where the offense occurred, if the survivor wishes such contact to be initiated.
- Participate in any College code of conduct hearing that may result.
- Arrange for any immediate medical needs or evidence collection.
- Assist with contacting community resources such as the Boston Area rape Crisis center or other support services.
- Provide assistance with applying for any requested intervention orders, such as restraining orders, no contact orders or harassment orders as necessary.
- Investigate or assist in the investigation of the case to achieve the best possible outcome. This may involve the arrest and prosecution of the responsible suspect.
• Keep the victim advised as to the progress and outcome of any investigation and or prosecution.
• Continue to be available to answer any questions, discuss options and explain the process as it unfolds.
• Assist in contacting counseling and any other necessary resources.
• Consider all cases of sexual assault seriously, irrespective of the gender or sexual identity of the survivor or suspect.

Please be advised that:

• Survivor’s names will not be released to the public or the press, nor will a survivor’s parents be notified without their consent.
• If a survivor would be more comfortable with a friend or advocate present during any interview, Campus Safety will do our best to accommodate.
• All cases will be treated with sensitivity, empathy, courtesy and professionalism.