# WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

# **GET SAFE**

Call SMC Campus Safety (864-587-4003) or call 911.

### **GET MEDICAL ATTENTION**

It is important to seek medical attention as soon as possible to determine the possibility of physical injury, to prevent or treat sexually transmitted diseases, and to detect the presence of sedative drugs such as Rohypnol or GHB.

- Do not shower, bathe, douche, wash your hands, brush your teeth, urinate, eat, drink, change your clothes, or wash your bedding if you have been raped.
- Do not disturb anything at the scene of the assault or throw away any evidence.
- Write down everything you can remember about the event.
- Preserve electronic evidence. Text messages, emails, voicemails, phone logs, and social media posts may provide critical evidence and should not be deleted.

### MEDICAL TREATMENT

Spartanburg Regional Medical Center 864-560-6000 101 E. Wood Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303

# BYSTANDER INTERVENTION WHAT CAN I DO?

#### DO NOT IGNORE IT.

Address unwanted contact or discrimination immediately.

#### SAY NO OR INTERVENE.

Tell the person the conduct is unwelcome. Tell them to stop, if comfortable with doing so. Intervene and ask one of the parties if they need a ride.

## **TELL SOMEONE.**

If you are a student, faculty, or staff member, report immediately. If you prefer to speak confidentially, contact SMC Counseling Services or the SMC Chaplain.

#### NOT SURE IF IT IS AN ISSUE?

Report all potential concerns of sexual misconduct and/or discrimination.

# WHY SHOULD I REPORT?

SMC is committed to providing a welcoming educational environment free from discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct. Awareness of these types of incidents allows the College to promptly respond to eliminate the behavior, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

It also allows SMC to give you information regarding services available to assist you.



# SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND REPORTING

Spartanburg Methodist College
Title IX & Equal Opportunity
1750 Powell Mill Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301

864-699-4642

# WHAT IS TITLE IX?

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 states:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Sexual harassment of students, which includes acts of sexual violence, is a form of sexual discrimination prohibited by Title IX.

# WHAT IS CONSIDERED SEXUAL HARASSMENT

It is not your responsibility to determine whether or not an incident qualifies as a Title IX case. If you witness or have actual knowledge you should file a complaint immediately.

The following actions are considered sexual harassment:

- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Fondling
- Incest
- Sexual Harassment
- Stalking

SMC's TITLE IX & SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY AND ON-LINE REPORTING FORM ARE AVAILABLE AT:



# WHAT KIND OF REPORTS ARE ACCEPTED?

#### FORMAL REPORT

A formal report is an official means for SMC students and employees to notify the institution of sexual misconduct and/or discriminatory behaviors. You should file a report even if you were not directly involved in the incident but witnessed/heard about the incident.

### ANONYMOUS REPORT

Anonymous reports are accepted under Title IX; however, the ability of SMC to investigate and resolve anonymous reports will be limited if the information contained in the anonymous report cannot be verified by independent facts.

WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE CALL, STOP BY, OR EMAIL.

# **HOW DO I FILE A REPORT?**

YOU CAN SUBMIT THE REPORT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

- Make a report in the Title IX Office (Burgess Student Center 241).
- You may fill out a form on the Title IX portion of the SMC website.
- Email the report to the Title IX Coordinator at RhodesK@smcsc.edu or Smctix@smcsc.edu.
- You may mail a report to the Title IX Coordinator at 1750 Powell Mill Road Spartanburg, SC 29301

# **CONTACTS & RESOURCES**

Kevin Rhodes

Director, Title IX & Equal Opportunity and Title IX Coordinator Burgess Student Center, Office 241 SMCtix@smcsc.edu 864-699-4642

#### CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

You may be able to report to the following individuals without triggering a campus investigation. Normally, these employees will report no identifying information to SMC's authorities without your permission. However, in some circumstances reporting may be required.

• Chaplain: 864-587-4282

• SMC Counselor: 864-587-4356

• SMC Health Services: 864-587-4277

## REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office at 911 or 864-503-4527.
- Spartanburg County Solicitors Office Victim Assistance at 864-596-2575
- Campus Safety 864-587-4003

# **OTHER RESOURCES**

SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition 24-hour hotline: 800-273-5066 or 864-593-9803

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673 Live chat: www.ohl.rainn.org/online/24/7

Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

Men's Domestic Abuse Hotline 1-888-743-5754