

# CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND OPTIONS



## INCIDENT REPORTING

On-campus emergencies:  
**University Police 251-460-6312**

Off-campus emergencies:  
**911**

Title IX Office:  
**251-460-6452**

Vice President for Student Affairs and  
Dean of Students:  
**251-460-6172**

Director of Housing and Residence Life:  
**251-341-4663, if you're a resident student.**



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When a student or employee reports being the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether on or off campus, the following rights and options are provided.

### Procedures victims should follow if dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred:

- **Report the incident** - On-campus emergencies: dial 251-460-6312 for University Police or 911 for off-campus emergencies. You may also report crimes to a Campus Security Authority, including the University's Title IX Coordinator: 251-460-6452, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students: 251-460-6172, or the Director of Housing and Residence Life: 251-341-4663. More information on how to report crimes and Campus Security Authorities is available in the USA Annual Security and Fire Safety Report available at: [southalabama.edu/departments/police/resources/fireandsafetyreport.pdf](https://southalabama.edu/departments/police/resources/fireandsafetyreport.pdf).
- **Preserve evidence** - Preserving evidence in all cases is imperative; avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth after a sexual assault. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement.
- **Law enforcement involvement - Victims have the right to notify law enforcement or decline law enforcement involvement.** If the victim chooses to notify law enforcement, Campus Security Authorities can assist with the notification if needed.
- **Protection orders and no-contact orders-** Where applicable, the University Police will assist with the acquisition, service, and enforcement of civil no-contact orders. You may also request a "mutual no-contact order" from the Dean of Students Office if you are made to feel threatened or unsafe.

### How will USA protect the confidentiality of victims?

- The University Police will not release the names of victims or witnesses unless required by law. However, records of criminal investigations, including the name of the alleged victim and/or witness, may be released under court order.
- These conversations are kept as private as possible, but information about incidents of sexual misconduct must be shared with relevant administrators and the Title IX Coordinator so that the University can take action if necessary for reasons of safety. In planning a response, the wishes of the victim are given full consideration.

### What are the existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available, both within USA and in the community?

- **University Counseling & Testing Center** - 300 Student Center Circle, 251-460-7051 [southalabama.edu/departments/counseling/](https://southalabama.edu/departments/counseling/).
- **USA Student Health Center** - 5870 USA South Drive, 251-460-7151, [southalabama.edu/departments/studenthealth/](https://southalabama.edu/departments/studenthealth/).
- **USA Children's & Women's Hospital Emergency Room** - 1700 Center Street, Mobile, AL 36604, 251-415-1000, [usahealthsystem.com/locations/childrens-womens-hospital/](https://usahealthsystem.com/locations/childrens-womens-hospital/).
- **University Hospital** - 2451 University Hospital Drive, Mobile, AL 36617, 251-471-7000, [usahealthsystem.com/locations/university-hospital](https://usahealthsystem.com/locations/university-hospital/).
- **On-Campus Victim Advocacy** - USA Advocate Program, 251-460-7151 (during regular office hours) or 251-341-9884 (after office hours), [southalabama.edu/departments/studentaffairs/titlenine/advocateprogram.html](https://southalabama.edu/departments/studentaffairs/titlenine/advocateprogram.html).
- **Off-Campus Resources** - Spring Hill Medical Center, 251-344-9630, Infirmary Health, 251-435-2400, Providence Hospital, 251-633-1000, Mobile Rape Crisis Center, 251-602-0909, and Penelope House, 251-342-8994.

### What options and interim measures are available to victims in changing academic, living, and working situations?

The Title IX Coordinator can speak to you about possible assistance like changing academic, living, and working situations. These interim measures may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to law enforcement.

### What are the procedures for disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking?

Victims may choose to file a formal Title IX complaint for violations of the University's Sexual Misconduct Policy with the Title IX Office. The Title IX Office is available to guide you through the process and answer any questions. The University's Sexual Misconduct Policy and Complaint Resolution Process are available at: [southalabama.edu/departments/studentaffairs/titlenine/resources/sexual-misconduct-policy.pdf](https://southalabama.edu/departments/studentaffairs/titlenine/resources/sexual-misconduct-policy.pdf).

## TITLE IX RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

Title IX regulations require the University Police to notify complainants of their rights to file a Title IX complaint for sexual misconduct with the University in addition to filing a criminal complaint with law enforcement. Whether or not your case qualifies as a criminal offense, you have the option of filing a complaint with the University's Title IX Coordinator. The contact information for the University's Title IX Coordinator is available at: [southalabama.edu/departments/studentaffairs/titlenine/](https://southalabama.edu/departments/studentaffairs/titlenine/).