

# Sexual Assault Reporting

## Rights, options and resources.



### Reporting Sexual Misconduct

Central Carolina Technical College is committed to taking appropriate action to address incidents of sexual misconduct and to promote a safe and non-hostile environment for all students. The college strongly encourages all students to report incidents, and will not tolerate any form of retaliation for reporting. The college is severely limited in its ability to investigate and address sexual misconduct on campus without student cooperation and information. By reporting incidents, students help the college in its efforts to ensure the safety of the campus and to identify patterns of misconduct.

### Options for Reporting

While students are encouraged to report incidents of sexual misconduct directly to the Title IX Coordinator (Kenya Dennis) and/or to Campus Security, students may report a sexual misconduct incident to any member of Central Carolina Technical College faculty or staff. All other reports, including those to Campus Security, faculty, and staff, will be referred to the Title IX Coordinator for assessment and will be reported to Campus Security for Clery Act statistical reporting purposes. For confidential reporting, please contact the Designated Confidential Source (Barbara Wright).

### Sexual Assault Reporting to Law Enforcement

If you decide to report the assault to local law enforcement, an incident report will be taken by the responding officer. This report consists of the statement that you provide to the officer regarding what occurred. The officer will also record the location of the assault and physical description of the perpetrator, if that information is available. If the assault occurred within 72 hours of filing the report, the police officer may call for an ambulance to take you to the hospital, or you may drive yourself, where you will have the option of receiving a sexual assault evidence collection exam. After the initial report, the investigator assigned to the case may call you to their office or come to you for a follow-up report. You may be asked to write a detailed statement of the assault. You may also be asked about your activities before and after the assault. Remember, the officers are not there to judge you, they are there to obtain relevant information about the crime in order to investigate the crime as accurately as possible. You may request to have a copy of the initial incident report and your statement for your records. It is also important to write down the case number, and names and telephone numbers of the law enforcement officers working on your case.

**If you are unsure if you would like to report to law enforcement, and are at least 18 years old, then you have an option to receive medical attention from the hospital and get any evidence collected without reporting to law enforcement. This is referred to as anonymous reporting, and your care at the hospital would be covered under the State Office of Victim Assistance and neither you, nor your insurance, would be charged.** You have up to one year after the evidence is collected to decide if you would like to move forward and open a case with law enforcement. If you do not wish to press charges at this time, your evidence would be destroyed, but there is no statute of limitations in South Carolina and you could speak to law enforcement and press charges at any time.

### Resources for Students

#### Campus Security

803.778.6623

#### Directory of Safety & Security

803.778.6655

#### Vice President of Student Affairs

Lisa Bracken 803.778.6652

#### Title IX Coordinator

Kenya Dennis 803.778.7871

#### Designated Confidential Source

Barbara Wright 803.778.6695

#### City of Sumter Police Department

803.436.2700

#### Camden Police Department

803.425.6025

#### Manning Police Department

803.435.8859

#### Bishopville Police Department

803.484.5309

#### Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

803.790.8208

803.771.7273 - 24 hour hotline

Hospital accompaniment, counseling services, personal and legal advocacy.

*\*Referrals available from Title IX Coordinator*

**For a more comprehensive four-county area list, please refer to Community Resources in myCCTC.**