

# RESPONSE

*From MIT Police*

- We will meet with you privately to make a report.
- We will not release your name to the public or press. This information is protected by Massachusetts Law. Crime statistics are made public but personally identifying information is withheld, including in any timely warning bulletins that may need to be sent out.
- Our officers will not judge you and you will not be blamed for what occurred.
- We will treat you and your particular case with courtesy, sensitivity, dignity, understanding, and professionalism.
- If you have a preference for either a male or female officer, we will do our best to accommodate your request.
- We will assist you in receiving hospital, medical, counseling, and other support services even if you choose not to pursue criminal charges.
- We will consider your case seriously, regardless of your gender and sexual orientation, and regardless of the gender and sexual orientation of the suspect(s).

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- To be informed of all reporting options
- To be free from pressure to make a criminal report
- To be notified of existing campus and community medical services, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid assistance, counseling, and mental health services, whether or not the crime is reported to campus or civil authorities.
- To be informed of options for, and assistance with, making changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations as well as protective measures offered by MIT.

## OPTIONS FOR ORDERS OF PROTECTION

- Institute-Based No Contact Order:** The Title IX Office can assist with a variety of measures including a no contact order, academic support, and housing accommodations, whether or not there is a formal complaint filed. Email [TitleIX@mit.edu](mailto:TitleIX@mit.edu) for more information.
- Protective Order:** A court-issued order that can be enforced anywhere in the United States, no matter where you obtain it. A violation of it can result in criminal charges. MIT Police can provide information and support throughout this process. Once issued, MIT will also work with you to make any accommodations necessary.
- To discuss the pros and cons of Orders of Protection, please contact a victim advocate at Violence Prevention & Response by calling 617-253-2300.
- You may request protective measures and changes to your academic, work, living, and transportation situations by contacting the Title IX Coordinator at 617-324-7526 or by emailing [titleix@mit.edu](mailto:titleix@mit.edu).

# RESOURCES

for survivors of  
**Sexual Assault,  
Domestic/  
Dating Violence,  
and Stalking**



## WHAT TO DO

Some options to consider...

### GET TO A SAFE PLACE

### TALK TO SOMEONE

Violence Prevention & Response (VPR) is available 24/7 for confidential support, information, and resources.

### PRESERVE EVIDENCE

Physical evidence may be necessary to prosecute the offender and be helpful in obtaining an Order of Protection. If at all possible, do not bathe, wash your hands, use the toilet, drink, smoke, change clothing, or brush your teeth following a sexual assault. Collection of evidence is conducted at some local hospitals. Beth Israel and MGH Hospitals are the nearest "SANE" sites, which have sexual assault nurse examiners who are specially trained to care for victims of sexual assault and to conduct a "medical evidence collection kit" at no direct cost to you. You don't need to file a police report to get a forensic exam. Please call VPR's 24-hour hotline to discuss medical options or to request an advocate accompaniment for care.

Keep emails, text messages, social media postings, or any other information about the incident.



### HOW TO CONTACT THE POLICE (24/7)

MIT Police: 617-253-1212  
Campus Phone: 100  
Cambridge Police: 617-349-3300

### SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

Beth Israel and MGH can provide medical services and conduct evidence collection. Medical services are also provided on campus by MIT Medical.  
**FOR SEVERE INJURIES CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.**

### SEEK COUNSELING

Confidential counseling is available to all students through MIT Mental Health and Counseling Services.

### REPORT THE INCIDENT

Parties are encouraged to report crimes to MIT Police. This is not a requirement, and there are additional reporting options that can be discussed by contacting the Title IX Office, [titleix@mit.edu](mailto:titleix@mit.edu), <https://titleix.mit.edu>.

*Note: Retaliation against anyone who files a report is strictly prohibited. Reports of retaliatory behavior will be investigated and could lead to disciplinary action.*

## REPORTING OPTIONS

You may pursue any or none of these options. You are not required to file a report immediately; however it is important to preserve any evidence of the incident. Visit <https://titleix.mit.edu> for detailed information about your reporting options. MIT will take steps to keep your information private to the extent allowed by law.

### Filing a Criminal Complaint

You are not required to file a criminal complaint. If you choose to, MIT will provide you with support throughout the process. You may file a criminal complaint by contacting the police. A criminal complaint is governed by applicable criminal statutes; the standard of proof is "beyond a reasonable doubt;" and potential sanctions include all applicable criminal sanctions, up to and including incarceration.

### Filing an Institute Complaint

If the alleged perpetrator is affiliated with MIT, you may file a complaint with the Institute by contacting the Title IX Office. You have the right to file a complaint with MIT even if police conclude they do not have sufficient evidence for a criminal charge. The complaint is governed by the Institute's Sexual Misconduct, Intimate Partner Violence, or Stalking Policy. You may seek either "formal" or "informal" resolution; the standard of proof is "a preponderance of the evidence;" and sanctions may include suspension or expulsion (for students) and termination (for employees). Contact [titleix@mit.edu](mailto:titleix@mit.edu) with questions.

### To Report a Crime Anonymously

Fill out an Anonymous Reporting Form at:  
<http://police.mit.edu/anonymous-sexual-assault-form>.

### INSTITUTE COMPLAINT PROCESS

MIT strives to provide a prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result. Investigations are conducted by officials who receive annual training on issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, how to conduct an investigation, and hearing processes that protect the safety of victims and promote accountability. During an investigation both the Complainant and Respondent will:

- Have the opportunity to be accompanied by an advisor of their choosing to any investigation related meeting or proceeding.
- Receive notification in writing of the result of any complaint investigation, procedures for appeal (when available), any changes to the result, and when the results become final.
- To learn more about the complaint investigation process for students and employees, including information about the types of disciplinary proceedings, steps, anticipated timelines, a list of possible sanctions that may be imposed, and the range of protective measures that may be offered, visit <https://titleix.mit.edu>.

## RESOURCES

The Institute is committed to responding to sexual misconduct and is required by Federal Law to investigate all allegations and take any remedial action deemed necessary to preserve your safety and that of the community, whether or not you wish to make a formal complaint. However, in planning any response, the wishes of the reporting student are given full consideration. You may receive assistance and support without disclosing details of the incident.

**The following chart is a guide for students seeking help and support to better understand the confidentiality levels of key campus resources.**

### CONFIDENTIAL

#### MIT RESOURCES

Violence Prevention & Response: 617-253-2300 (24-hour hotline)  
Mental Health & Counseling: 617-253-2916  
MIT Chaplaincy: <http://studentlife.mit.edu/rl/mit-chaplains>  
MIT Ombuds Office: <http://web.mit.edu/ombud>  
MIT Medical: 617-253-4481

#### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC): 1-800-841-8371  
Transition House: (617) 661-7203 (DV Shelter)  
Network/La Red: (617) 742-4911 (LGBTQ Services)  
Victim Rights Law Center: (617) 399-6720

*"I want to think through my situation with someone who can keep my information as confidential as possible."*

*"I need to confide in someone and it is okay if that person needs to tell the Title IX Coordinator."*

### PRIVATE

Title IX Coordinator, [titleix@mit.edu](mailto:titleix@mit.edu)  
Dean of Student Life | Student Life Staff | Residential Life Staff  
Academic Adviser | Faculty | Coaches  
Student Support Services (S<sup>3</sup>)

Office of Graduate Education (OGE)  
Office of Undergraduate Education (OUE)  
Visit [TitleIX.mit.edu](http://TitleIX.mit.edu) for a complete list of policies, procedures, and resources

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