

WESTERN SYDNEY
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SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME.

Western Sydney University recognises the seriousness of sexual assault and the impacts that this crime has on people who have experienced sexual assault.

The University is committed to providing respectful, efficient, caring and safe responses to students or staff who have been affected by sexual assault.

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual Assault is a crime, that can happen to anyone, any age, any gender, any cultural background or sexual orientation.

Sexual assault refers to any sexual behaviours which lead to a person feeling threatened or uncomfortable, unsafe or fearful.

Sexual assault is **NEVER** the responsibility of the person who has been assaulted and is often perpetrated by someone known to the person.

People committing the crime of sexual assault often use tactics to make a person feel responsible for the sexual assault. This can make it frightening for someone to have the courage to reach out for help.

INFORMED CONSENT

To give consent you need to have an understanding of what is happening.

A person who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol or who is asleep is unable to give informed consent.

Additionally consent needs to be free of any type of coercion, for example threats, intimidation or harassment.

Support services can help you to confirm if you have provided informed consent.

TALK TO SOMEONE

It takes courage to reach out and we are here to support you.

If you have experienced an uncomfortable sexual experience, talking to someone can really help.

STUDENT COUNSELLING AND WELFARE SERVICES

Phone:
02 9852 5199

Visit:
[westernsydney.edu.au/
counselling](https://westernsydney.edu.au/counselling)

[westernsydney.edu.au/
welfare](https://westernsydney.edu.au/welfare)

IN AN EMERGENCY

Call **000** for ambulance or police 24 hours a day or Campus Safety and Security 24 hours: **1300 737 003**

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Western Sydney University provides students and staff with access to professionals experienced in responding to sexual assault.

If you would like to speak privately with our student Counselling Service please phone **02 9852 5199** (business hours). Your information is confidential and not held on your academic record. We can also assist with special consideration for your study.

Staff may contact the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) on **1800 818 728**. The EAP is a free, anonymous service for University staff and their families.

For more information go to **westernsydney.edu.au/eap**

Find out more at **westernsydney.edu.au/support**

SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

NSW HEALTH SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE

NSW Health Sexual Assault Service provides counselling, support including court support and access to medical assessments, including sexual health and pregnancy testing.

Find out more at
**[health.nsw.gov.au/
sexualassault](https://health.nsw.gov.au/sexualassault)**

1800RESPECT

1800RESPECT provides after hours and 24/7 telephone and online counselling support.

Find out more at
1800respect.org.au
or call **1800 737 732**.

LIFELINE

LifeLine counselling is available 24/7. Please call **13 11 14**.