Department of Residential Education & Housing
Sexual Assault Response Flowchart

If you report that you have been the victim of a sexual assault to a Residential Education & Housing (Res. Ed.) staff member you can expect the following:

The staff member will ask if you feel comfortable / safe speaking in the current location or work with you to find a more appropriate location.

The staff member will inform you that your identity will remain confidential, but that s/he must make an anonymous report of the situation to their supervisor or the on-call professional staff member (to ensure appropriate reporting under the Clery Act).

A student staff member may need to contact a professional staff member to seek guidance. Additionally, if it is determined that the campus community could be at risk, a campus wide alert may be deemed necessary.

The primary objective of Res. Ed. staff is to assess your needs and offer you all the resources available to a TCNJ student. **All decisions are made solely by you.** The role of Res. Ed. staff is to supply you with the necessary information so that you can make an informed decision regarding what resource(s) you would like to access.

If you need or want to talk about what just happened to you, the Res. Ed. staff member will listen. However, the staff's primary objective is to put you in touch with available resources.

The Res. Ed. staff member will inform you of the available resources and provide information regarding the services each resource can provide:

On campus resources:

- Office of Anti-Violence Initiatives (OAVI)
- TCNJ Psychological Counseling Services
- TCNJ Health Services
- Planned Parenthood
- Campus Police
- TCNJ Community Standards
- Residential Education & Housing Professional Staff

Off-campus resources:

Womanspace 24 Hour Crisis Hotline
Womanspace - Sexual Assault Victim Advocate

Note: Res. Ed. staff will never confront an alleged perpetrator of a sexual assault.

The staff member will offer to accompany you to your desired referral source or locate another individual who you may want to accompany you.

The staff member will offer to make follow-up contact. The staff member will not make contact without your consent. If you agree to follow-up contact the staff member will inquire as to the most appropriate method of contact.

The staff member will inquire if you feel safe in your current residential assignment or if you are interested in a temporary relocation.

The staff member will document the situation, maintaining the level of confidentiality you desire. Student staff will submit the report to their supervisor or the professional staff member on call. Professional staff will submit the report to the Director of The Department of Residential Education & Housing.

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