



Triton College Sexual Misconduct Reporting & Resource Guide



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Triton College values the safety and well-being of its students, faculty, and staff.

If you have experienced any incidents of interpersonal violence or sexual misconduct, know that you have options for support. Choosing one path does not exclude the other available options. This guide serves as an overview of the College's response to sexual misconduct experienced by students and the resources available to students for addressing any sexual misconduct-related concerns.

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Harassment, Discrimination, & Sexual Misconduct Policy Overview & Information About Filing a Complaint

Triton College is committed to sustaining a learning environment that is free from dating violence, domestic violence, harassment, threats, bullying on the basis on sex, stalking, retaliation, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct. Conduct of this type by students, employees, and other individuals and entities who interact with our students and employees is prohibited. Triton College strongly encourages individuals who experience or observe prohibited conduct to report these acts in an effort to maintain a safe and productive environment for all members of our community.

Triton College's Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct Policy is consistent with the federal law including Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 (Title IX) and The Clery Act requirements.

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Reporting Rights & Options

Please note that students can discuss their options for resources, accommodations, support services, and the formal investigation and resolution process prior to submitting a formal complaint. Informal resolutions are permitted for either a formal complaint of sex discrimination or information is shared with Triton College employees that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX.

Supportive Measures

Triton College will take steps to provide supportive measures to limit the effects of the alleged harassment. Supportive measures are individualized services that ensure equal educational access, protect safety, and deter sexual misconduct. These services are available regardless of whether a student files a formal complaint to pursue internal disciplinary options. The Deputy Title IX Coordinator can assist in obtaining supportive measures.

Processing & Resolving Complaints

Triton College will respond promptly to issues of sexual misconduct in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent, which means a response that is not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

Important Information to Know About Title IX Process

For every report of an alleged violation of the Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct Policy that will be considered for investigation, the Deputy Title IX Coordinator will make an initial review. The initial review will consider the nature of the report and the safety of all parties and of the campus community. A decision will be made about the appropriate next steps with the assistance of an investigator(s) and decision-maker(s). Each resolution process will provide a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and resolution.

Deputy Title IX Coordinator's Contact Information

To file a complaint alleging a violation of Title IX, contact the Deputy Title IX Coordinator at:

Julia Willis

Dean of Students/Deputy Title IX Coordinator (For students) Triton College, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, Illinois 60171 • Room B-250A (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3865
Email: juliawillis@triton.edu

Students can file a complaint online.

Confidentiality & Privacy

Triton College will make every reasonable effort to respect confidentiality.

Triton College is committed to protecting the privacy of all individuals involved in a report of prohibited conduct. Information related to the report of misconduct will only be shared with a limited group of individuals, or those college employees who “need to know” in order to assist in the active review, investigation, or resolution of the report. Privacy, though, does not restrict the ability to obtain evidence. It is expected that all involved will not engage in retaliation.

Confidentiality & Privacy

Confidential Reporting

Confidential Advisors will maintain confidentiality except in extreme cases of immediate threat or danger to self or others or suspected abuse of a minor. Should a student wish to speak with someone about their options and resources in a confidential setting, they may schedule an appointment with one of Triton's Confidential Advisors. Confidential means that anything shared will not be disclosed and a student will not be identified. Talking to a confidential advisor does not prohibit students from taking any other action at the College.

Designated Confidential Advisors

Leslie Wester, MA, LCPC

Chairperson of Counseling & TCFA President

Triton College, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, Illinois 60171 • Room A-106C

(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3484

(708) 779-4484

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Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor | Counseling & Wellness Support Services

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All Triton College Faculty and Other Employees

Aside from the noted Confidential Advisors and Director of Health Services, all faculty and other employees of Triton College are deemed responsible employees. This means that they have a legal obligation to notify the Title IX Coordinator (AVP for Human Resources) or Deputy Title IX Coordinator (Dean of Students) or provide contact information for these two employees to ensure outreach is made to students to share the available resources and support services available. This includes options for working through the College's Student Conduct Process as appropriate. While responsible employees are a resource that values and maintains student privacy, they are not confidential resources.

Triton College-based Resources

Triton College Health Services

Triton College provides a full-time nurse who can meet with students seeking resources and support regarding any health issue, including those covered under the College's Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct Policy. The Director of Health Services is a confidential resource which means that anything shared will not be disclosed and a student will not be identified.

Laura Hill, BSN, RN

Director of Health Services

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(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3051

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Triton College Police Department

The Triton College Police Department can support students experiencing sexual misconduct-related incidents. Students have the right to choose to report or not report incidents of sex-based harassment to Triton College officials, on campus or local law enforcement, and or confidential services, separately or simultaneously. The Triton College Police Department is commissioned with full police powers pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The Police Department is a 24-hours a day, 7 days a week agency that enforces all state and local laws, as well as College rules and regulations. The Police Department is located on the second floor of N Building, Room 206 on the Triton College West Campus.

Triton College, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, Illinois 60171 • Room N-206

(708) 456-0300, Ext. 6911

TDD: (708) 452-8115

Non-Emergency Police Inquiries - tcpd@triton.edu

Preservation of Evidence

The preservation of evidence, which can include information and tangible materials, is essential for both campus disciplinary proceedings and law enforcement investigations. Any evidence obtained prior to, and throughout, the reporting and investigative process may assist in proving that the alleged prohibited conduct or criminal offense occurred. Potential evidence including, but not limited to, clothing, drinks, glasses, electronic communication (e.g. emails, text messages, and call history), and photographs should be preserved.

Community-based Resources

Students who wish to access community-based resources instead of, or in addition to, Triton College-based resources, have several options in the local area. Should a student need assistance with accessing these resources, they can receive support from either a Confidential Advisor or the Deputy Title IX Coordinator.

Survivor Support Services

Sarah's Inn Domestic Violence Agency

Services offered in English and Spanish

Office locations in Chicago and West Cook County

Legal Advocacy available at:

Cook County Domestic Violence Courthouse - 555 Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607

Maywood Courthouse - 1500 Maybrook Drive, Maywood, IL 60153

24-Hour Crisis Line: (708) 386-4225

Text Line: (708) 669-6149

www.sarahsinn.org

Additional Services: Partner Abuse Intervention Program (in English and Spanish, fees apply)

Pillars Community Health

Services offered in English, Spanish, and Arabic

Office location in LaGrange Park

Legal Advocacy available at:

Bridgeview Courthouse - 10220 S 76th Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455

Maywood Courthouse - 1500 Maybrook Drive, Maywood, IL 60153

24-Hour, confidential domestic violence hotline: (708) 485-5254 24-

Hour, confidential sexual assault hotline: (708) 482-9600

www.pillarscommunityhealth.org

Additional Services: Constance Morris House Emergency Shelter

Perspectives – High Quality Services to Improve Performance

Student assistance program

Main office: 20 N Clark St., Suite 2650 Chicago, IL 60602

Various locations

Mental Health services

Phone: (866) 866-7556

Mujeres Latinas En Accion – Empowering Latinas through Service and Advocacy

Services offered in English, Spanish, and Portuguese

Office locations in Chicago and North Riverside

Legal Advocacy available at:

Cook County Domestic Violence Courthouse - 555 Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607

Maywood Courthouse - 1500 Maybrook Drive, Maywood, IL 60153

24-Hour Crisis Line: (312) 738-5358

www.mujereslatinasenaccion.org

Arab American Family Services – Caring and Compassionate Assistance

Services offered in English, Arabic, and Spanish

Office location in Bridgeview

Legal Advocacy available at:

Cook County Domestic Violence Courthouse - 555 Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607

Bridgeview Courthouse - 10220 S 76th Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455

Rolling Meadows Courthouse - 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

24-Hour Crisis Line: (708) 945-7600

www.arabamericanfamilyservices.org

Legal Services

Free Legal Assistance Related to Domestic Violence

IL Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights:

<https://www.icirr.org/> – ICIRR (312) 332-7360

Greater Chicago Legal Clinic: <https://www.gclclaw.org/>

Legal Aid Chicago: <https://www.legalaidchicago.org/>

Documentation of legal right to be in the country is not required for victims to obtain an Order of Protection or to request criminal charges against an abuser.

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