

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL HARM

If you or any other member of the University community has experienced sexual harm, Safer Community is here to support you. This applies to incidents that have happened recently or in the past, and regardless of the location (off campus, in a residence, online or on campus). There are several ways to access support and/or make a report.

Ensure you are safe

- Get to a safe place and seek 24/7 emergency support from any of the following:
- In an emergency, contact the police on "000"
- If on campus contact Deakin Security on 1800 062 579, or via the SafeZone App
- Sexual Assault Crisis Line (24 Hours): is a state-wide, after-hours, confidential, telephone crisis response and counselling service for people who have experienced both past and recent sexual assault. 1800 806 292
- For business hours, non emergency response: contact the Safer Community Team, in person, or by phone on 03 9244 3734 (9am–4pm, Mon to Fri) or email: safercommunity@deakin.edu.au

Access assistance through Deakin

It is YOUR CHOICE what course of action you decide to take. We will respect and support your decision at every step of the way, even if you change your mind. Your wellbeing is our priority and we encourage you to make use of any/all of Deakin's free and confidential services if you feel comfortable doing so.

Make a formal report to the police

You can choose to make a formal report to the police at any time. If non-emergency police assistance is required, contact your nearest police station and ask to speak to a police officer from the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT).

Make a formal report to Deakin

You can make a formal report to conduct at any time. Safer Community can assist you in this process. It is YOUR choice whether you choose to make a formal report.

Make an informal or anonymous disclosure

If you are unsure about, or do not wish to make a formal report to the police or Deakin, the Safer Community Team can still provide you with support and information.

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If you experience sexual harm or any behaviour that makes you feel unsafe or threatened, contact Safer Community.



Ongoing support

Our primary concern is your immediate and ongoing wellbeing. Deakin offers free and confidential services. Contact Safer Community for information on how to make a disclosure or report, what to expect when doing so, and how to support someone else.