

WILDCATS REACH OUT

Campus Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights

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The right to have any and all disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault against them treated with seriousness and receive, from the institution, courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available.

The right to be free from any kind of suggestion that sexual assault victims not report, or under-report, crimes because: a. victims are somehow 'responsible' for the commission of crimes against them; b. victims were negligent or assumed the risk of being assaulted; or c. by reporting crimes they would incur unwanted personal publicity.

HOW TO HELP
A FRIEND

LISTEN.
BELIEVE.
BE PATIENT.
SUPPORT.

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The right to have sexual assault committed against them investigated and adjudicated by the duly constituted criminal and civil authorities of the governmental entity in which the crimes occurred, if the victim so chooses, including make a report to local law enforcement and/or the state police; and the right to the full and prompt cooperation and assistance of College staff in notifying the proper authorities. The foregoing shall be in addition to any campus disciplinary proceedings.

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The right to be free from any kind of pressure from College staff that victims:

- a. Not report crimes committed against them to civil and criminal authorities or to campus safety and residence life staff; or
- b. Report crimes as lesser offenses than the victims perceived them to be.

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The right to counseling services from any mental health services previously established by the institution, or by other victim-service entities, or by victims themselves.

The same right to legal assistance, or ability to have others present, including an advisor of their choice, in any campus disciplinary proceeding that the institution permits to the accused; and the right to be notified of the outcome of such proceeding.

The right to participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard and in so doing, to describe the incident to as few institution representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident.

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After campus sexual assaults have been reported, the victims of such crimes shall have the right to require that appropriate College staff take the necessary steps or actions reasonably feasible to prevent any unnecessary or unwanted contact or proximity with alleged assailants, including immediate relocation of the victim to safe and secure alternative housing, and transfer of classes if requested by the victims.

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REPORTING RIGHTS ...

Daemen students have the right to make a report to Campus Safety, local law enforcement, and/or state police or choose not to report; to report the incident to the College; to be protected by the College from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from Daemen College.

Be protected from retaliation by the institution, any student the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the institution.

Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or conduct process of Daemen College.

New York State Education Law 129-B

Reporting individuals are reminded that you have the right to make a report to campus security, local law enforcement, and/or state police, or choose not to report; to report the incident to the institution; to be protected by the institution from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from the institution.

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Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination.

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The right to report any inappropriate action, or lack thereof, in the handling of a reported sexual assault on the part of the College as a Title IX complaint.

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RESOURCES & SUPPORT ...

● Available 24/7, 365 ● Confidential

Title IX Coordinator,
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Dean of Students,
Kerry Spicer
716-839-8519
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Title IX Deputy,
Conduct Coordinator
Megan Altman-Cosgrove
716-839-8200
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Daemen College
Campus Safety
716-839-SAFE (7233)

Amherst Police
Department
716-689-1311 or
911 in emergency

Crisis Services
Hotline
716-834-3131

NYS Domestic
and Sexual
Violence Hotline
1-800-942-6906

Daemen College
Counseling Services
716-839-8337
daemen.edu/
counselingservices