

Complainant Notification

OF RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

Stockton University is committed to providing a safe learning, living, and working environment free from sexual misconduct (e.g., sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking). Sexual misconduct is a form of prohibited conduct that may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Titles IV and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and other applicable federal, state, and local laws, depending on the nature of the conduct and circumstances. Sexual misconduct is also a violation of our University's Campus Conduct Code (I-55). See our University Sexual Misconduct Procedure (6940) for specific definitions of Prohibited Conduct, Rights, and the Resolution Processes. In compliance with federal laws, policies and procedures have been adopted to prevent and respond to incidents alleging sexual misconduct involving members of our campus community. Guidelines within this document apply to all Stockton University students, faculty, staff, and third parties.

Your safety and mental health are most important, and you have options regarding making a report. Stockton University will take all necessary precautions to protect your identity and will never identify you in publicly available information, such as the campus Crime Log, Clery Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, and/or warnings sent out to the campus community.

Where to report/discuss an alleged incident of sexual misconduct (contact information on p. 3):

- **Director of Title VI, Title VII & Title IX Coordinator**, for complainants to explore options regarding supportive measures, a formal complaint, an administrative investigation, and/or an informal resolution.
- **Coordinator for Student Advocacy and/or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**, for student Complainants to explore their options confidentially.
- **Stockton Police Department**, for complainants to explore pursuit of a criminal investigation.
- [Incident Report Form](#), the primary resource for reporting allegations of Sexual Misconduct/Title IX to the Director of Title VI, Title VII & Title IX Coordinator.

SUPPORTIVE MEASURES REGARDING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT/TITLE IX

A Complainant is entitled to all available **SUPPORTIVE MEASURES**, whether they choose to involve law enforcement or have a University administrative investigation, and regardless of whom a Complainant chooses to tell. Supportive measures may include contact restrictions between a Complainant and Respondent (e.g., No Contact Communication through Res Life, No Contact Directive through Office of the Dean of Students); changes in housing; referrals to Coordinator for Student Advocacy/CAPS, medical and other healthcare services; modifications of class/work schedules or job assignments; extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments; and other measures intended to empower the Complainant as they continue their education.

All supportive measures will be kept confidential, to the extent possible as long as it does not limit the University's ability to provide them. If the University is required to share information to execute a supportive measure, Complainant will be notified of what information will be shared with whom, and why it is necessary, prior to sharing.

For assistance with requests regarding supportive measures, students may contact Stockton University's Coordinator for Student Advocacy (F-103) or at (609) 626-3611; Office of Student Conduct (Campus Center, Suite 243) or at (609)-626-3585; Ombuds (L-208) or at (609) 652-4591; students and employees may also contact the Director of Title VI, Title VII & Title IX Coordinator (J-115) or at (609) 652-4733.

Definitions

Advisor is an individual who has an active role in providing assistance to a Complainant/Respondent by helping them understand and navigate the Sexual Misconduct/Title IX process.

Complainant is an individual who is alleged to have been subjected to conduct that is prohibited.

Respondent is an individual who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited conduct.

Responsible Employee(s) is a University employee who has the authority to take action to redress sexual violence; who has been given the duty of reporting incidents of sexual violence, sexual harassment, or any other misconduct to the Director of Title VI, Title VII & Title IX Coordinator; or who a student could reasonably believe has this authority or duty.

Support Person is an individual who provides emotional support for a Complainant/Respondent but does not have an active role in helping them understand or navigate the Sexual Misconduct/Title IX process.

Relevant Policies and Procedures

<https://www.stockton.edu/policy-procedure/documents/policies/I-120.pdf> - Student Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment in the Academic/Education Environment (I-120)

<https://www.stockton.edu/policy-procedure/documents/policies/VI-28.pdf> - Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace

<https://www.stockton.edu/policy-procedure/documents/procedures/6940.pdf> - Sexual Misconduct Procedure

For Individuals Who Self-Identify as Male: Stockton University's Coordinator for Student Advocacy wants you to know that if you experience interpersonal violence, you are not alone. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 4 men will experience some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime. The Coordinator for Student Advocacy understands that certain gender stereotypes and social factors can make it difficult for male complainants to come forward. The Coordinator for Student Advocacy can support you. Call the Coordinator for Student Advocacy at 609-626-3611 to review your rights and options with a trained advocate, or submit a confidential advocacy request form:

https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?StocktonUniv&layout_id=101

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded educational programs and activities.

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ON-& OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Both Stockton University and our local community offer important resources to complainants of sexual misconduct including medical treatment, counseling, and advocacy. Most of these resources are free of charge to the complainant. A complainant has the right to, but need not, make a formal report to law enforcement or Stockton University to access these resources that include the following:

On Campus Resources

Director of Title VI, Title VII, & Title IX Coordinator

- Where: J-115
- Phone: (609) 652-4733
- Email: Joshua.Hayes@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://www.stockton.edu/oeic/policys.html>
- Purpose: Receive and review incident reports pertaining to allegations of discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, and retaliation; implement due process for complainants and respondents; provide supportive measures; coordinate informal resolutions; and conduct investigations.

Coordinator for Student Advocacy

- Where: F-103
- Phone: (609) 626-3611
- Email: Teresa.Barone@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://stockton.edu/wgsc/>
- Purpose: A **confidential resource** who empowers students who identify as women and all genders who identify as LGBTQIA+, victims of power-based personal violence, and community allies.

Stockton University Police Department

- Where: 101 Vera King Farris Drive Galloway, NJ - Building 70 | 3701 Boardwalk Atlantic City, NJ - Substation Kesselman Hall
- Phone: (609) 652-4390
- Email: campus.police@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://www.stockton.edu/police/contact-us.html>
- Purpose: Investigate crimes and can assist in obtaining temporary restraining orders. Dedicated to developing partnerships with the community, including students, staff, and faculty in order to enhance the goal of providing quality higher education in a safe and secure atmosphere.

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)

- Where: J-105
- Phone: (609) 652-4722
- Email: counseling.services@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://www.stockton.edu/wellness-center/counseling-center/index.html>
- Purpose: A **confidential resource** that strengthens student learning by minimizing interruption of the learning process caused by mental health concerns.

Health, Outreach, Promotion, & Education (HOPE)

- Where: West Quad, Suite 108
- Phone: (609) 652-4701
- Email: Kristen.WelshCapaldi@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://www.stockton.edu/wellness-center/health-education.html>
- Purpose: Provide accurate health information to all Stockton students, staff, and faculty in a respectful, sensitive manner utilizing a holistic approach to health and wellness.

Ombuds Office

- Where: L-208
- Phone: (609) 652-4591
- Email: ombuds@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://stockton.edu/ombuds/>
- Purpose: Make sure everyone's voice is heard, and that problems can receive impartial attention. The ombuds officer listens to concerns, clarifies procedures, discusses options, and, upon mutual agreement, may act as an intermediary. The ombuds officer does not advocate for an individual. Rather, the Ombuds Officer advocates for a fair process.

Stockton Cares

- Where: F-107
- Phone: (609) 652-4463
- Email: care@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://stockton.edu/stockton-cares/>
- Purpose: Create conditions that matter for students to be successful. Facilitate a culture that enables students to thrive personally and academically throughout their time at Stockton. Foster resilience and self-advocacy in students that allow them to navigate crisis, emergencies, personal difficulties and unforeseen circumstances and empower students to achieve their full potential through individualized assistance and tailored interventions.

Office of Student Conduct

- Where: Campus Center | Suite 243
- Phone: (609) 626-3585
- Email: studentconduct@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://stockton.edu/student-conduct/>
- Purpose: Responsible for administering the Campus Conduct Code and overseeing the Campus Hearing Board process, which addresses alleged violations and promotes a fair and educational resolution process for students. The Office of Student Conduct fosters a safe, inclusive, and developmentally supportive campus environment.

On Campus Resources

<u>Residential Life</u> • Where: Lakeside Lodge Housing II, A-100 Atlantic City, Residential Building • Phone: (609) 652-4697 [Lakeside Lodge] (609) 652-4332 [Housing II, A-100] (609) 761-1232 [Atlantic City, Residential Building] • Email: housing@stockton.edu • Website: https://stockton.edu/residential-life/ • Purpose: Living on campus provides a safe, supportive environment with access to University resources and opportunities to build lasting friendships and meaningful experiences.	<u>Learning Access Program (LAP)</u> • Where: E-080 • Phone: (609) 652-4988 • Email: lap@stockton.edu • Website: https://stockton.edu/wellness-center/disability-services/index.html • Purpose: Educate, advocate and facilitate equal access while maintaining a welcoming, inclusive and accessible campus community. LAP engages in an interactive process with each student to determine appropriate accommodations on an individualized case-by-case, class-by-class basis.
<u>Office of Financial Aid</u> • Where: Campus Center, Suite 201 • Phone: (609) 652-4203 • Email: finaid@stockton.edu • Website: https://stockton.edu/financial-aid/ • Purpose: Believe that money should not be an obstacle in the pursuit of a quality education. Assist in finding the best options to help in affording the cost of education.	<u>Military & Veteran Success Center</u> • Where: F-105 • Phone: (609) 652-4315 • Email: OMVS@stockton.edu • Website: https://www.stockton.edu/veteran-affairs/ • Purpose: Help achieve academic goals. Stockton has a proud tradition of service to men and women in uniform, and take this responsibility very seriously.
<u>Dean of Students</u> • Where: Campus Center, Suite 243 • Phone: (609) 652-4645 • Email: deanofstudents@stockton.edu • Website: https://www.stockton.edu/dean-of-students/ • Purpose: Committed to offering care and support to students so they flourish in nearly every imaginable way.	<u>Office of Human Resources</u> • Where: J-115 • Phone: (609) 652-4384 • Email: human.resources@stockton.edu • Website: https://www.stockton.edu/human-resources/ • Purpose: Dedicated to providing a culture of care that prioritizes dignity, kindness, respect, civility, and compassion.

Off Campus Resources

Galloway Township Police Department

- Where: 300 E. Jimmie Leeds Rd, Galloway, NJ
- Phone: (609) 652-3705
- Email: kwelsh@gtpd.org
- Website: <https://www.gtpd.org/>
- Purpose: Investigate crimes and can assist in obtaining temporary restraining orders. The Galloway dispatch center is responsible for Police, Fire, and EMS calls for the municipalities of Galloway Township, Mullica Township, Port Republic, and Absecon. Sworn officers and civilian employees come to work every day to serve, protect, and make a difference in the lives of the people who live, work, and visit Galloway Township.

Atlantic City Police Department

- Where: 2715 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ – Clayton G. Graham Public Safety Building
- Phone: (609) 347-5780
- Email: campus.police@stockton.edu
- Website: <https://www.acnj.gov/Departments/Police>
- Purpose: Investigate crimes and can assist in obtaining temporary restraining orders. Promote public safety; prevent and suppress crimes; provide emergency and non-emergency services; create and maintain strong community partnerships; adapt a multi-disciplinary approach to solving community problems; and develop and promote a diverse, professional workforce.

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Mainland Campus (Galloway)

- Where: 65 W. Jimmie Leeds Rd, Pomona, NJ
- Phone: (609) 652-1000
- Email: Does not have a direct general email address.
- Website: <https://www.atlanticare.org/locations/atlanticare-regional-medical-center-mainland-campus>
- Purpose: SANE Exam Location. Whether an individual needs routine care, advanced treatment, or wellness support, the expert team is dedicated to providing clear, compassionate care.

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, Atlantic City

- Where: 1925 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ
- Phone: (609) 345-4000
- Email: Does not have a direct general email address.
- Website: <https://www.atlanticare.org/locations/atlanticare-regional-medical-center-atlantic-city-campus>
- Purpose: SANE Exam Location. Whether an individual needs routine care, advanced treatment, or wellness support, the expert team is dedicated to providing clear, compassionate care.

AtlantiCare Health Park @ Hammonton

- Where: 219 N. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ
- Phone: (609) 704-3360
- Email: Does not have a direct general email address.
- Website: <https://www.atlanticare.org/locations/atlanticare-emergency-department-hammonton>
- [AtlantiCare Health Park website](#)
- Purpose: SANE Exam Location. Whether an individual needs routine care, advanced treatment, or wellness support, the expert team is dedicated to providing clear, compassionate care.

Shore Medical Center

- Where: 100 Medical Center Way, Somers Point, NJ
- Phone: (609) 653-3500
- Email: Does not have a direct general email address.
- Website: <https://www.shoremedicalcenter.org/>
- Purpose: SANE Exam Location. Whether an individual needs routine care, advanced treatment, or wellness support, the expert team is dedicated to providing clear, compassionate care.

AVANZAR, Atlantic County
(Formerly The Women's Center)

- Where: 927 N. Main St, Building D, Pleasantville, NJ
- Phone: 24-Hour Hotline - (800) 286-4181 | Text - (609) 569-5437
- Email: Not available.
- Website: <https://avanzarnow.org/>
- Purpose: Empower individuals and families by working to secure their physical safety, emotional well-being, individual freedom, and economic equality. In addition to the foundational hotline and crisis shelter, now offers advocacy, emergency services, and counseling for victims of domestic violence, support programs for human trafficking survivors, domestic violence awareness and prevention services, community education, and more.

love is respect

- Where: P.O. Box 90249, Austin, TX
- Phone: (866) 331-9474 | Text - LOVEIS to 22522
- Email: Does not have a direct general email address.
- Website: <https://www.loveisrespect.org/>
- Purpose: The national resource to disrupt and prevent unhealthy relationships and intimate partner violence by empowering young people through education, support, and resources.

Off Campus Resources

<u>New Jersey Mental Health Cares</u> • Where: Not available. • Phone: (866) 202-4357 TTY Relay 771 English – (800) 852-7899 Spanish – (866) 658-7714 • Email: https://www.njmentalhealthcares.org/contact/ • Website: https://www.njmentalhealthcares.org/ • Purpose: Staff of behavioral care specialists connect an individual to the information and services needed.	<u>Mental Health Association Atlantic County</u> • Where: 4 E. Jimmie Leeds Rd. Ste. 8, Galloway, NJ • Phone: (609) 652-3800 • Email: cquinn@mhanj.org • Website: https://www.mhaac.info/index.html • Purpose: Committed to promote mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, including prevention services for all; early identification and intervention for those at risk; integrated care, services, and supports for those who need them; with recovery as the goal.
<u>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</u> • Where: Does not have a physical location. • Phone: 988 Text – 838255 • Email: Does not have a direct general email address. • Website: https://988lifeline.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=onebox • Purpose: 24/7/365 access to free assistance.	<u>The Trevor Project</u> • Where: 2261 Market Street, Ste 5164, San Francisco, CA • Phone: (212) 695-8650 • Email: Does not have a direct general email address. • Website: https://www.thetrevorproject.org/ • Purpose: Focused on suicide prevention efforts for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth.
<u>1in6.org</u> • Where: 366 Jackson Street, Suite 300 St. Paul, MN 55101 (Headquarter) 1450 Duke St. Alexandria, VA 22314 (Virginia Office) • Phone: (651) 714-4673 • Email: 1in6@zeroabuseproject.org • Website: http://1in6.org • Purpose: To help men who have had unwanted or abusive sexual experiences live healthier, happier lives. Includes serving family members, friends, partners, and service providers by providing information and supportive resources.	<u>Employee Assistance Program</u> • Where: Stockton University, Office of Human Resources, J-115 • Phone: 24/7/365 – (800) 451-1834 • Email: eap@deeroaks.com • Website: https://stockton.edu/human-resources/eap.html • Purpose: A free, confidential benefit offering short-term counseling, resources, and referrals for employees and all members of their household.
<u>New Jersey Department of Family and Community Development Atlantic County</u> • Where: 1333 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, NJ • Phone: (609) 348-3001 • Email: gilmore_linda@aclink.org • Website: https://www.atlanticcountynj.gov/government/county-departments/department-of-family-and-community-development • Purpose: Attempts to solve the problems of TANF, Food Stamp and Medicaid recipients, as well as problems with housing and emergency assistance.	<u>South Jersey Legal Services</u> • Where: 745 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102 • Phone: (800) 496-4570 • Email: sjls@lsnj.org • Website: https://sjlslaw.org/ • Purpose: A non-profit organization created to provide quality legal representation and advocacy to low-income individuals in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean, and Salem Counties. SJLS provides free legal services aiding low-income clients in selected civil cases based on established priorities.
<u>Veteran's Crisis Hotline</u> • Where: South Jersey Vet Center- 2900 Fire Road, Suite 101 Egg Harbor Township, NJ • Phone: Dial 988, Then Press 1 Text - 838255 • Email: Does not have a direct general email address. • Website: https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/ • Purpose: Links Veterans to real people specially trained to help them through any challenge.	<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u> • Where: Secretary of Homeland Security, Washington, DC • Phone: (202) 282-8000 • Email: Not available. • Website: https://www.dhs.gov/ • Purpose: Secure the nation from the many threats faced. Duties are wide-ranging with a clear goal - keeping America safe.

The Sexual Assault Exam: Explained

Reporting an allegation of sexual assault to law enforcement is a personal decision, a Complainant's right, and is encouraged by the University. If a Complainant reports an allegation of Sexual Assault to law enforcement, the Complainant may request a Sexual Assault examination. However, if a Complainant is uncertain about reporting an allegation of Sexual Assault to law enforcement, a Complainant may still have potential evidence collected by a specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) at certain local hospitals, for up to approximately seven days after an alleged assault. A Complainant has the right to agree to all or parts of the exam or can decline to have an exam kit completed.

A trained Advocate (e.g., AVANZAR) can be available to meet you at the hospital to accompany you through the examination process. Although you may decline the free services of an Advocate, we strongly encourage someone to be with you to help provide support during this time and answer any questions you may have about the process. An examination is conducted using specialized equipment; any potential physical evidence will be collected, photographs of injuries will be taken, and information regarding the assault will be logged. The SANE will secure any potential physical evidence from the exam in a Sexual Assault examination kit, which will then be sealed and turned over to the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office. The kit will be transferred to local law enforcement if a Complainant decides to report and proceed with a criminal investigation, or the kit will be held for a specific period of time, which will be determined by the NJ Office of the Attorney General (currently a minimum of twenty years), and then may be disposed if a Complainant declines to report to law enforcement. The examination kit is completed at no cost to a Complainant.

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a Registered Nurse who has received special training so they can provide comprehensive care to sexual assault victims. In addition, SANEs are able to conduct a forensic exam and may provide expert testimony if a case goes to trial.

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ADVOCATES

Advocates are professionally trained to support complainants of crime. Advocates do not give advice, but rather inform complainants of their options, give information, emotional support, and help in finding resources and filling out paperwork. Advocates may also attend meetings, interviews, and hearings with complainants.

Advocates may contact resources such as the Director of Title VI, Title VII & Title IX Coordinator or Stockton University Police Department, to receive help or information. Some Advocates lead support groups, secure supportive measures, or provide in-person counseling to the Complainant. Please call the Coordinator for Student Advocacy at 609-626-3611 or make an appointment in F-103 to meet with an Advocate.

SAFETY ESCORTS

Anyone who is concerned about their safety or feels uncomfortable walking from one location to another on campus can request a Safety Escort. Safety Escorts are available free of charge, every day of the year.

This service is designed to enhance safety and give peace of mind to students, employees, and visitors to Stockton's campuses.

To obtain a Safety Escort, individuals should call the Stockton University Police Department at 609-652-4390 or at extension 4390 from a campus phone and provide their name, location, and destination—University Police will ensure an individual arrives safely to their destination.

Procedures Complainants Should Follow For Evidence Preservation

If you are the Complainant of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or other crime, it is important that any evidence is preserved, and a chain of custody established as soon as possible. Preserving evidence may help prove an offense of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or other crime occurred, and may be used to establish the need for a restraining order, protective order, or no contact order. Some suggestions:

- Avoid cleaning your body in any way such as taking a shower, bathing, douching, washing your hands, combing your hair, or brushing your teeth. This will help maintain any potential evidence that may contain DNA such as semen, blood, hair, saliva, or other bodily fluids, as well as fibers, particles, etc.
- Do not urinate, especially if you suspect you were given a drug to incapacitate you; if it is **urgent** that you do, attempt to collect urine in a clean container. Certain drugs leave the body quickly and urine should be collected as evidence as soon as possible. Urine should be refrigerated. Do not use toilet paper to clean yourself afterward.
- Do not change your clothes, but if you must, put **all** the clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault or crime in clean **paper** (no plastic) bags or envelopes, preferably separately, and bring the bag(s) with you to the hospital or police department. Allow clothing to air dry prior to bagging and do not allow anyone else to handle the items. The hospital can provide you with alternative clothing, or you can have someone bring you clothing.
- Do not clean or alter the crime scene in any way to preserve any additional evidence such as bedding, used condoms, condom wrappers, cigarette butts, drink containers, receipts, suspect clothing, or any other objects/items that may have been used during the crime. Do not touch anything at the scene!
- Preserve any photographic or other electronic evidence, even if you feel it is not important or relevant to the crime. Telephone calls, voicemails, e-mails, text messages, instant messages, videos, photographs, and social media communications can be used to establish a timeline and assist with recall.
- Take photographs of any injuries, to include a full photograph of the person whose injuries are being documented. Take photographs of property damage, to include photographs of individual items, the entire room where the damage occurred, the outside of the location where the photographs are being taken, etc. Copy, download, print, or screenshot anything on a telephone, computer, tablet, etc. that may be removed and destroyed.
- Consider changing passwords and PIN numbers, **if previously shared**, so no one can access your phone, websites, storage clouds, accounts, etc. Be sure to keep these new passwords in a safe and secure location.
- Jot down notes to assist with future recall.

If you have any questions about the preservation of evidence, please contact the Stockton University Police Department at 609-652-4390 or the police agency responsible for the jurisdiction where the incident took place.

Restraining, Protective, and No Contact Orders

Prevention of Domestic Violence Act—Restraining Orders

In certain situations, a Complainant may apply for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), which is designed to protect a victim of domestic violence. You can apply for a TRO Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM, by appearing in person at the Domestic Violence Unit of the Superior Court, Family Division, in the appropriate county*. A Complainant may also apply for a restraining order at a police department in emergent situations, during hours when courts are closed. You can apply at a police department in the jurisdiction where the alleged domestic violence occurred, where the suspect resides, where you reside, or where you are sheltered or temporarily staying. Stockton University Police can assist you with determining where to make a report, depending on the specifics of your case. A hearing for the issuance of a Final Restraining Order (FRO) is generally held within 10 days after the issuance of a TRO. A restraining order (e.g., TRO, FRO) may be issued without the signing of a criminal complaint.

Victim's Assistance and Survivor Protection Act (VASPA)—Protective Orders

The Victim's Assistance and Survivor Protection Act, formerly the Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015, provides that a victim of nonconsensual sexual contact, sexual penetration, lewdness, stalking and cyber-harassment, or any attempt at such conduct, and who does not fit the definition of a "victim" under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, may apply for a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) against the alleged perpetrator of such act(s).

If a TPO is granted, it remains in effect until a Final Protective Order (FPO) hearing is held, typically within 10 days of the issuance of the TPO. A protective order may prohibit the alleged perpetrator from committing or attempting to commit any future act of nonconsensual sexual contact, sexual penetration, lewdness, stalking and cyber-harassment against the victim; entering the residence, property, school or place of employment of the victim; having any contact with the victim or others (contact includes personal, written, telephone or other electronic means). The order may also provide other relief as deemed appropriate.

Application for a TPO may be made Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM, by appearing in person at the Superior Court, Family Division, in the appropriate county*. Application may be made in a court having jurisdiction over the place where the alleged conduct or attempted conduct occurred, where the alleged perpetrator resides, or where the victim resides or is sheltered. Application for a TPO may also be made by utilizing the New Jersey Victim's Assistance and Survivor Protection Act (VASPA) [Filing Packet](#) and filing electronically at <https://www.njcourts.gov/self-help/jeds>.

No Contact Orders

A No Contact Order, for non-domestic situations, may be issued by a Judge upon the disposition of a criminal complaint. A Complainant should discuss this with the prosecutor and/or judge while their complaint is being addressed by the court.

***In Atlantic County, where Stockton University is located, you may apply for restraining orders or temporary protective orders at the Superior Court, Family Division, 1201 Bacharach Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ, 609-345-6700. Contact information for all county courts in NJ can be found here: <https://www.njcourts.gov/courts/vicinages>.**

Restraining orders, no contact orders and other protective orders shall be valid throughout the state and shall be enforced by all law enforcement officers.

NJ Definition

"Victim of Domestic Violence" – a person protected by the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act (PDVA) and includes any person:

A. Who is 18 years of age or older, **or** who is an emancipated minor, **and** who has been subjected to domestic violence by:

- A spouse or former spouse
- Any other person who is a present or former household member, **or**

B. Who, regardless of age, has been subjected to domestic violence by a person:

- With whom the victim has a child in common, **or**
- With whom the victim anticipates having a child in common, if one of the parties is pregnant, **or**

C. Who, regardless of age, has been subjected to domestic violence by a person with whom the victim has had a dating relationship.

Complainant Rights

Stockton University is committed to providing accessible, prompt, thorough, and fair methods of investigation and resolution of incidents. To this end, the Complainant has the right to:

- Be treated with dignity by all persons involved in the grievance process.
- Expect to be free from retaliation, intimidation, harassment, and bullying throughout the grievance process.
- Privacy throughout the grievance process.
- Information about University Policies and Procedures that govern the Sexual Misconduct (e.g., Title IX) process.
- Access available University resources.
- A prompt and thorough investigation of the allegations.
- Equal access to information and evidence that will be used during informal and formal grievance process meetings and hearings.
- Written notice of the charges placed against the respondent, as well as any charges that will be presented to the Hearing Board or appointed outside adjudicator.
- Receive a written notification of the circumstances and allegations involved.
- Adequate time to review and respond to an investigative report and any evidence that will be presented.
- To receive timely, written notification (to complainant's official University email), of all meetings and hearings, including the time and place.
- Participate or decline to participate in the investigation or grievance process.
- A prompt, fair, and impartial hearing.
- One Advisor and one Support Person of their choosing at all grievance process meetings, interviews, and hearings.
- Decline to submit to cross examination or speak at any meeting, conference, or hearing. The Complainant will be advised in advance of the procedural consequences of that decision, including any limitation on the Hearing Officer/Decision-Maker's ability to consider statements previously made by the Complainant.
- Present information and/or witnesses on their behalf.
- A written determination regarding responsibility.
- Be informed of their right to appeal and of the process for doing so.
- Written notification of the outcome of any appeal.
- Understand that information collected during the investigation and/or grievance process may be subpoenaed in criminal or civil proceedings.