Student Resources and Reporting Options for Sexual and/or Gender-Based Misconduct (including Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence)

Get to a Safe Place
If you are in fear of your safety call 9-1-1

Get Medical Attention
To assess and treat physical injuries and to collect evidence of the assault

Seek Emotional Care and Support
Do not try to deal with the situation alone

Tell Someone
Consider reporting the incident to the Police (9-1-1) or to the El Camino Title IX Coordinator (310-660-3813)

Reach out for support.

Additional information and guidance can be found online: www.elcamino.edu/administration/hr/ssdiversity.asp
Sexual and gender-based misconduct and consent

Sexual and gender-based misconduct (including sexual assault and dating violence) is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at the El Camino College District. These acts include a range of sexual offenses that will not be initiated without obtaining consent or with the purpose or effect of threatening or coercing someone into sexual activity.

Sexual and gender-based misconduct is any unwelcome, gender or sex-based verbal or physical conduct that may or may not be sexual in nature.

Dating violence is committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and may include the use of physical violence, coercion, threats, intimidation, isolation, or stalking.

Sexual assault is any actual, attempted or threatened unwanted sexual acts or contact, whether by an acquaintance or by a stranger, against a person without his or her consent.

Consent

Consent is informed. Consent is affirmative, unambiguous, and conscious decision by each participant to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity.

Consent is voluntary. It must be given without coercion, force, threats, or intimidation. Consent means positive cooperation in the act or expression of intent to engage in the act pursuant to an exercise of free will.

Consent is revocable. Consent to some form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. Consent to sexual activity on one occasion is not consent to engage in sexual activity on another occasion. A current or previous dating or sexual relationship, by itself, is not sufficient to constitute consent. Even in the context of the relationship, there must be mutual consent to engage in sexual activity. Consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual encounter and can be revoked at any time. Once consent is withdrawn, the sexual activity must stop immediately.

Consent cannot be given when a person is incapacitated. Consent cannot be given when a person is coming in and out of consciousness. Consent cannot be given under the express or implied threat of violence, bodily injury, fear or fraud, or other forms of coercion. Consent cannot be given when one’s understanding of the act is affected by a physical or mental impairment.

Reporting

Making a report means telling someone in authority what happened – in person, by telephone, in writing or by email. At the time a report is made, a victim does not have to decide whether or not to request any particular course of action, nor does a victim need to know how to label what happened. Choosing to make a report, and deciding how to proceed after making the report, can be a process that unfolds over time. El Camino College provides support that can assist in making these important decisions, and to the extent legally possible will respect an individual’s anonymity in deciding how to proceed. In this process, El Camino College will balance the individual’s interest with its obligation to provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment for all members of the campus community.

If you would like to speak to someone on campus confidentially, please go to the Student Health Center, 310-660-3643 and ask to speak to a staff psychologist.

What to do if you’ve been sexually assaulted:

- Go to a safe place. If you are in fear of your safety, call the police (9-1-1) immediately, especially if the assailant is still nearby.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible to assess and treat physical injuries you may have sustained and to collect evidence of the assault. Help preserve evidence. You do not have to decide immediately whether or not you want to pursue a criminal complaint. Collecting evidence immediately following an assault will be helpful if you decide to press charges later.
- Seek emotional care and support. Reach out to someone you trust. Do not try to deal with this situation alone. Whether you are seeking support immediately after an assault or sometime later, there are several services available to you. Crisis intervention services are available 24 hours a day (refer to back cover for resources). On campus, the Student Health Center provides mental health care via short-term counseling. The Student Health Center can also assist students with medical care.
- Consider reporting the assault to the Title IX Coordinator (310-660-3813), and/or to the police. Reporting the incident does not commit you to further legal action.
- For additional resources, please contact the Title IX Coordinator (310-660-3813 or titleixcoordinator@elcamino.edu) or visit www.elcamino.edu/administration/hr/ssdiversity.asp

Medical Exams

You are strongly encouraged to seek immediate medical attention and support, regardless of when the incident occurred. A medical exam has two goals: first, to diagnose and treat any injuries (including prevention of sexually transmitted illnesses and pregnancy); and second, to properly collect and preserve evidence.

Physical evidence from a sexual assault must be collected within 96 hours of the incident. It is important that you do not wash yourself or your clothing before an examination.

You do not have to press charges to have a sexual assault examination completed. However, medical providers (but not psychologists) are mandated by state law to notify law enforcement if you tell personnel you have experienced sexual assault. You have the right to request that a survivor advocate be present when you speak with law enforcement.

You are not alone. Reach out for support.