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

If you have been sexually assaulted, do the following:

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
(See back of pamphlet)

Tell Someone
Consider reporting the incident to the Police (9-1-1) or to the El Camino College Title IX Coordinator (310-660-3813)
titleixcoordinator@elcamino.edu

Reach out for support.

Additional information and guidance can be found online:
www.elcamino.edu/about/depts/diversity/misconduct.aspx

The Clery Act
The Jeanne Clery Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about crimes on and around campus.

Psychologists in the Student Health Center are “confidential resources” and are not mandated to report any detailed information you disclose to them. All personal information will remain confidential.

However, “non-confidential resources” such as faculty and staff are required to report to the Title IX Coordinator any information you disclose. Only statistical information will be reported for Clery Act compliance.

Important Phone Numbers & Resources

Campus Emergency
9-1-1 or “Blue Emergency Poles” on campus

Law Enforcement:
El Camino College Police Department 310-660-3100
Gardena Police Department 310-323-7911
Long Beach Police Department 562-435-6711
Los Angeles County Sheriff 323-820-6700
Torrance Police Department 310-328-3456

Campus Resources:
AIMS Team (behavioral intervention and campus threat assessment) aimsteam@elcamino.edu
Student Health Center 310-660-3643
Title IX Coordinator 310-660-3813

If the incident involves El Camino College faculty or staff, you can file a complaint with the El Camino Title IX Coordinator (310-660-3813).

Sexual Assault Hotlines:
East Los Angeles Women’s Center Rape & Battering Hotline*^ 800-585-6231
National Sexual Assault Online Hotline^ https://ohl.rainn.org/online/
Peace Over Violence* Los Angeles 213-626-3393
Peace Over Violence* West Los Angeles 310-392-8381
Rape Treatment Center 310-319-4503
Violence Intervention Program (Sexual Assault) 323-226-3961
YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services*^ 877-943-5778
* available in Spanish
^ available 24 hours a day

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**Confidentiality vs. Privacy**

Information regarding the incident may be shared on a “need to know” basis, i.e., information will be shared only as necessary. The District will attempt to honor any student’s request for confidentiality; however, the District must also weigh its duty to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all members of the District community.

Confidentiality, therefore, cannot be ensured.

If you would like to speak to someone on campus confidentially, please go to the Student Health Center (Pool Building) and ask to speak to a staff psychologist.

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**Sexual and Gender-Based Misconduct**

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 have been 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.

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.

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.

Domestic violence is committed by a person that is (a) current or former spouse; (b) a person with whom one shares a child, or (c) anyone who is protected from the Respondent’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of CA.

Sexual harassment is unwelcome verbal/non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it unreasonable interferes with, denies or limits, someone’s ability to participate in or benefit from the District’s employment and/or educational programs/activities, and may be based on power differentials (quid pro quo), or the creation of a hostile environment.

Stalking is engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear his/her safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

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**What is Affirmative 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.

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**Reporting Options**

**Formal Reporting Options**

Reporting to the local police department: This option allows students to report the assault and, possibly, initiate acrimal investigation.

Reporting on Campus: This option allows the District to investigate and take action to protect your safety. Interim actions, if necessary, may include issuing an administrative no-contact order and/or providing an escort while on campus. You can report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator (310-660-3813), Director of Student Development (310-660-3593 ext. 3500), and/or Campus Police (310-660-3100).

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.

**Informal Resolution Options**

If appropriate, the District’s Title IX Coordinator may seek to resolve certain Sexual/Gender-based Misconduct cases through an informal process involving both the Complainant and Respondent, subject to the Complainant’s agreement.

Informal resolution agreements may take the form of a mediation or other negotiated remedies as appropriate (mediation will assessed on the severity of the situation and does not forego the Complainant’s right to file a formal complaint).

You are not alone. Reach out for support.