

## If you or someone you care about has been the victim of a crime...

You may need to talk with someone confidentially about your options. It is not uncommon to experience a broad range of emotions including fear, confusion, anger, guilt, frustration, and a tremendous sense of loss. These are all NORMAL reactions to what has happened.

## You don't have to go through this alone...

The Victim Advocate Program is here to ensure that you receive whatever support is needed to help regain your personal well-being. We can help you understand your rights under Florida law and FSU policy and tell you about the many resources available to you both on and off campus.

Advocates respond to victims 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide confidential crisis counseling, emotional support and referrals to campus and community resources.

## CONTACT AN ADVOCATE:

**University Center A4128  
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM-5PM**

**(850) 644-7161  
24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK**

# VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

- 24-hour crisis counseling (850-644-7161)
- Evaluation of options
- Information and referrals
- Safety planning
- Temporary safe lodging
- Explanation of rights, Title IX, and the FSU conduct process
- Accompaniment through medical and legal processes
- Advocacy on student's behalf to instructors and other departments
- Petitioning for protective injunction (restraining order)
- Assistance in filing for Victim Compensation
- Any other assistance you may require in rebuilding your life

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Victim Advocate Program also offers educational presentations to academic classes, staff and faculty, and campus organizations on various victim issues. To arrange a presentation please call our office at **(850) 644-7161** or visit **[knowmore.fsu.edu](http://knowmore.fsu.edu)**.

**Our services are free, confidential, and do not require a Title IX or law enforcement investigation.**

# ELIGIBILITY

FSU recognizes that the university campus is a community of its own, and in all communities, crime exists. The Victim Advocate Program is available to assist:

- Any FSU student, faculty, or staff member who is the victim of actual or threatened crime, anywhere at any time (including childhood abuse)
- Anyone who is victimized on our campus or at a University-sponsored event or by an FSU community member
- Family and friends of students, faculty or staff who are victimized

## ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Acts of Violence include but are not limited to:

- sexual battery (rape)
- attempted sexual battery/sexual assault
- sexual harassment or sexual misconduct
- relationship or intimate partner violence
- stalking
- cyberstalking or harassment
- hate crimes
- burglary
- robbery
- assault and battery



Federal law (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972) requires FSU to ensure an educational environment free from sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. **If a responsible employee at FSU becomes aware of an incident, they MUST report the incident to the Title IX Director.** The Victim Advocate Program is confidential and is exempt from this reporting but can help you file a report if you choose. For more information or to file a report regarding Title IX, you can call the Victim Advocate Program **(850) 644-7161** or the Title IX Director at **(850) 645-2741** or visit **titleix.fsu.edu**.

For more information on complainants' rights in the Student Code of Conduct, call **(850) 644-5136** or visit **sccs.fsu.edu**. Florida Statute 960.001 outlines victims' rights in the criminal justice system. For more information, visit: **leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES**.

**TITLEIX.FSU.EDU**



## RESOURCES

- Victim Advocate Program ••••• (850) 644-7161
- Title IX Office ••••• (850) 645-2741
- FSU Police ••••• (850) 644-1234
- Emergency ••••• 911
- Non-Emergency (on campus) ••••• 311
- Non-Emergency (off campus) ••••• (850) 606-5800
- Tallahassee Police Department ••••• (850) 891-4200
- Leon County Sheriff's Office ••••• (850) 922-3300
- University Counseling Center ••••• (850) 644-TALK
- Employee Assistance Program ••••• (850) 644-2288
- University Health Services ••••• (850) 644-6230
- Women's Clinic ••••• (850) 644-6230
- SAFE Escort ••••• (850) 644-SAFE (7233)
- 2-1-1 Big Bend Crisis Hotline •• 211 or (850) 244-NEED (6333)
- Refuge House ••••• (850) 681-2111
- Domestic Violence Hotline ••••• 1-800-500-1119
- Sexual Violence Hotline ••••• 1-888-956-7273
- Office of Accessibility Services ••••• 644-9566
- Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Emergency •• (850) 431-0911
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline • 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

**victims-advocate@fsu.edu**



# Victim Advocate Program

Confidential, free 24-hour crisis counseling and advocacy services for Florida State University

**VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM**  
(850) 644-7161

**FSU POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
(850) 644-1234

**DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SUPPORT & TRANSITIONS**  
(850) 644-2428

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