UAF Disclosure Options for Victims of Sexual Violence

No Disclosure

It is not unusual for a victim to keep silent about a sexual assault for up to 3 to 6 months before disclosing. Some choose to never disclose. While remaining silent can make it more difficult for victims to access the services they may need to heal, they always have that right.

Confidential Disclosure

If the victim of sexual violence wants assistance with recovery and healing but does not want to engage university Title IX or law enforcement processes, he or she can disclose to a confidential source.

In Alaska only those with a professional or clerical licensure can promise confidentiality, such as a psychologist, a medical doctor, or a licensed counselor. The on-campus place for confidential disclosure is the UAF Center for Health and Counseling, which can be reached at 474-7043.

Off campus, there are multiple other agencies. In Fairbanks, one of the primary confidential disclosure agencies is the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC), at 452-2293. Additionally, IAC can provide a victim advocate who can explain the various processes and guide the victim in navigating the various systems.

For a complete list of places to confidentially disclose and access a victim advocate, please visit our website at http://www.uaf.edu/oeo/title-ix/

Title IX Disclosure

If a victim discloses to a UAF employee, that initiates the UAF administrative Title IX process. All UAF employees are required to report incidents of sexual harassment and violence to Title IX. A Title IX response includes:

Outreach: Title IX personnel will conduct outreach to the victim to inform the victim of their rights and their options. Title IX personnel work with the victim to tailor a plan that makes it possible for the victim to continue their education.

Services & Remedies: Various educational modification can be made for the victim. These include but are not limited to classroom changes, dorm changes, mentoring, tutoring, or even a no-trespass order.

Administrative Investigation: Victims can request an administrative investigation and if it is found that there has been a violation of university policy, violators will be subject to administrative sanctions as defined in our code of conduct.

Privacy: Students accessing the Title IX process can request that their name not be disclosed to the accused or that no investigation or disciplinary action be pursued to address the alleged sexual violence. This request is taken seriously and will be honored unless there is credible information indicating risk to the campus community.

Contact Info for Title IX:

Mae Marsh, 474-7599
Ana Richards, 474-7303
Anita Hartman, 474-7700
Dean of Students, 474-7317
Jamie Aber, 474-1885
Andrea Schmidt, 474-5174

Police Disclosure

Victims can report incidents to the police, which initiates a criminal investigation that goes through the legal system.

UAF police are required to report all incidents to the Title IX office, which then gives the victim access to a full slate of support and recovery services.

UAF Police Contact Info: 474-7721

Anonymous On-Line Tool

Individuals can anonymously disclose sexual misconduct through the Title IX on-line reporting tool. URLs are not collected and the tool provides a private means for students to inform the Title IX Coordinator of actual incidents or potential risks of sexual violence. The anonymous reporting tool can be accessed at http://www.uaf.edu/oeo/title-ix/. When using this tool, please provide details so the incidents can be investigated and the misconduct can be stopped.

UA Confidential Hotline

Individuals may also anonymously disclose sexual misconduct through the UA systems hotline. This tool can be accessed on-line at http://www.alaska.ethicspoint.com. If you want to disclose via phone, dial toll-free within the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and Canada: 855-251-5719.