What is THINK SMART?

Think SMART strives to create a campus climate that supports the HWS mission statement and fosters a healthy, safe place for students to learn and be successful. Think SMART provides students with the necessary resources to know their options for friends or themselves in the event that sexual harassment or assault has occurred.

For a full description of our policies and procedures, please view the Community Standards pages 7-18: www.hws.edu/studentlife/pdf/community_standards.pdf

How Can I Help My Friend?

If you notice a change in a friend and are concerned that they may have experienced sexual assault or harassment there are many ways you can help.

+ Support
Talk to your friend privately and let them know you have noticed a change in their behavior and that you are there to support them. If your friend chooses to tell you about their experience, this person has made the choice based on trust. You must be supportive, non-judgmental, and listen. The sexual assault was not their fault.

* Believe
The most supportive thing that you can do for a friend is to believe them. Take the information seriously, but remember that it is not your job to assess the situation or investigate the facts.

⇒ Refer
HWS has many support resources available for your friend. As a concerned friend, you can speak with HWS administrators to gain more information, but you should provide your friend with their resources. Please see the “important phone numbers” section for who to call for assistance.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

On-Campus
Stacey Pierce, Title IX Coordinator
(315) 781-3922
or contact Campus Safety (315) 781-3000

Robb Flowers, Vice President for Student Affairs
(315) 781-3900

Residential Education Staff, Area Coordinators or RAs
(315) 781-3880 or contact Campus Safety (315) 781-3000

William Smith Deans Office
(315) 781-3467

Hobart Deans Office
(315) 781-3300

Campus Safety
(315) 781-3000

Campus Safety officers are here to help! Officers can make contact with the Title IX Coordinator, on-call staff, Geneva Police, or medical personnel.

Confidential/Private
Maria Saavedra-Finger, Sexual Assault Response Psychologist, Counseling Center for Student Wellness
(315) 781-3388 / Monday - Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. / 24 hour on-call counselor available through contacting Campus Safety

Hubbs Health Center
(315) 781-3600
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Lesley Adams, Chaplain
(315) 781-3671

Off-Campus
Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes
(315) 781-1093, (800) 247-7273
http://safeharborsfl.org/

F.F. Thompson Hospital, Specialized Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner available (585) 386-6000

Geneva Police Department
Emergencies: 911, Non-emergency: (315) 789-1111
HWS Policy and Effective Consent

The phrase sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, describes various extremes of discrimination and wrongdoing based on one’s gender, sexuality, and/or sexual orientation. Any sexual contact or activity that occurs without the informed consent of any individual involved is considered sexual misconduct.

The Sexual Misconduct policy includes:
1. Sexual Harassment
2. Sexual Exploitation
3. Non-consensual sexual contact/intercourse

Effective Consent: Consenting persons must act freely, voluntarily, and have knowledge of the act involved. Consent will not be implied by silence, passivity, or from a state of intoxication or unconsciousness.

Consent requires the following conditions:
1. All parties are fully conscious.
2. All parties are equally free to act.
3. All parties have positively and clearly communicated their intent.

Parties need to be conscious and aware of their actions: Persons who have sexual activity with someone whom they know to be – or should know to be – mentally or physically incapacitated. This includes being substantially impaired by alcohol or other drug use or unconscious.

Parties are equally free to act: Both parties must be able to make decisions to be sexually intimate without coercion. Any party has the right to revoke their consent at any time during the sexual contact. Consent can be revoked through active or passive communication when there is a desire to stop any activity. A verbal “no” (even if it seems indecisive) or resistance (even if it seems passive) is a lack of consent.

Crisis Support and Counseling

If you would like to seek confidential support immediately after an assault or later, there are several support services available to you.

• The Title IX Coordinator and Prevention Educator can provide support in reporting, housing accommodations, judicial advocacy, medical assistance, and any other assistance you may need to help you heal physically and emotionally.

• The Counseling Center for Student Wellness works very closely with our students to provide free, confidential counseling to help you focus on your emotional and psychological well-being. They are available to meet with you on a short-term or long-term basis.

• Hubbs Health Center or Hospital Services can assist you with any medical care you need.

• Safe Harbors is an off-campus 24-hour hotline for individuals who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault.

If you need any financial assistance with medical services, you can speak with the Title IX Coordinator and she can assist you with confidential financial coverage.

Reporting Options

The options below are available to tailor to your comfort level and HWS will support your decisions and privacy as you decide how you want to respond.

1. Report to Campus Administrator
If you report to a campus administrator, this does not mean a formal judicial process will happen. Reporting to an administrator puts this information on record. The administrator will report to the Title IX Coordinator and the Vice President of Student Affairs. All information is provided to campus officials on a need to know basis. Your privacy and safety is our main concern. Based on the conversation you have, the Title IX Coordinator may want to follow up with the other party involved to ensure that members of the HWS community are safe. You will be notified about this process before action is taken. This does not mean your name will be provided to the respondent. You can remain anonymous.

2. Report to Campus Safety
Reporting to Campus Safety logs this incident and puts it on record. Reporting to a Campus Safety officer does not mean a formal judicial process will occur. Your privacy and safety is our main concern. Campus Safety will notify the Title IX Coordinator and the Vice President of Student Affairs. After you speak with Campus Safety, the Title IX Coordinator will reach out to you to discuss your options and any services you may need.

Medical Information and Other Services

Medical Information:
If you have been sexually assaulted, but do not know if you want to press any formal charges, it is still a good idea to receive medical attention to ensure that there was no exchange of Sexually Transmitted Infections or pregnancy. Seeking medical assistance provides attention to:

1. any physical injuries
2. prophylactic antibiotics
3. emergency contraception

If you decide that you want to have evidence collected, it is recommended that you do this within 72 hours of the assault. It is important not to wash yourself or your clothing before the exam. Make sure you bring a change of clothes with you as the hospital will keep what you provide to them. You are encouraged to bring a support person to this. Any staff member is available to be present with you during this process. If you do not have someone to ask, you can contact the Title IX Coordinator and Prevention Educator, Hubbs Health Center, an on-call staff member or an Area Coordinator.

Other Services:
All medical exams are completed at F.F. Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, N.Y. F.F. Thompson has a specialized nurse who is trained to do sexual assault exams. HWS will provide transportation to and from the hospital and will also provide coverage for medical fees if you request them.