**RESOURCES**

The University encourages all individuals to contact appropriate authorities including but not limited to campus safety and/or law enforcement and seek medical treatment as soon as possible following an incident which poses a threat to safety or physical well-being.

The University is committed to treating all members of the community with dignity, care, and respect. Any individual affected by sex discrimination, sexual misconduct, or sexual harassment, whether as a complainant, a respondent, or a third party, will have equal access to support consistent with their needs and available University resources.

The University encourages any individual who has questions or concerns to seek the support of campus and community resources. These professionals can provide information about available resources and procedural options and assistance to either party in the event that a report and/or resolution under this policy are pursued. Individuals are encouraged to use all available resources, regardless of when or where the incident occurred.

**i. Emergency Support Services**

All individuals should seek assistance from a medical provider and/or law enforcement as soon as possible following an incident, which poses a threat to safety or physical well-being. This is the best option to provide physical safety, emotional support, and medical care to the complainant. It is also the best option to ensure preservation of physical or forensic evidence, which may only exist for a finite period of time, and to begin a timely investigative and remedial response. The University will escort any Misericordia community member to a safe place, provide transportation to the hospital, assist in coordination with law enforcement, and provide information about the University's resources and complaint processes.

Assistance is available from the University and local law enforcement 24 hours a day, year-round, by calling the Office of Campus Safety and/or the respective Police Department for the campus location.. Any individual can request that a member of the Office of Campus Safety and/or Police Department respond and take a report.

**Misericordia University Office of Campus Safety**
Misericordia University | Mercy Hall | (570) 674-6300

**Dallas Township Police Department (Dallas Campus)**
(570) 674-2003 or 911

**Dallas Borough Police Department (Dallas Campus)**
(570) 675-0161 or 911

**Moon Township Police Department (Pittsburgh Campus)**
[(412) 262-5000](https://www.google.com/search?source=hp&ei=HCx-X7OVNqmIytMPgPeL0AU&q=moon+township+police+department&gs_ssp=eJzj4tVP1zc0TCozzs0rKjQ2YLRSNaiwsDA2MU1JTkwzBLISjUytgEJJiWapKcmGSUnJSaYmqale8rn5-XkKJfnlecUZmQUKBfk5mcmpCimpBYlFJbmpeSUAgsUcgw&oq=moon+township+police&gs_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWIQARgAMg4ILhDHARCvARDJAxCTAjICCAAyAggAMgIIADICCAAyAggAMgIIADoICAAQsQMQgwE6CAguELEDEIMBOgsILhCxAxDHARCjAjoFCAAQsQM6CAguEMcBEK8BOgIILjoICAAQsQMQyQM6BQguELEDOgsILhCxAxDJAxCTAlDYBVi3J2CiNWgBcAB4AIABUIgBkgqSAQIyMZgBAKABAaoBB2d3cy13aXo&sclient=psy-ab)

Local medical providers can provide emergency and/or provide follow-up medical services and conduct forensic sexual assault examinations. An individual can also contact a Student Health and Wellness Center nurse or nurse practitioner (during the academic year, during open hours) who can provide follow-up medical services, and provide a forum to discuss any health care concerns related to the incident in a confidential medical setting. The Student Health and Wellness Center, however, is not equipped to conduct forensic sexual assault examinations.

The medical exam obtained from a hospital or sexual assault response center has two goals: first, to diagnose and treat the full extent of any injury or physical effect (sexually transmitted infection or possibility of pregnancy) and, second, to properly collect and preserve evidence. The exam may include testing and prophylactic treatment for HIV/AIDS, STIs, and pregnancy, a vaginal/anal examination, collecting fingernail scrapings and/or clippings, examining for injuries, and a blood draw. There is a limited window of time (typically 72 to 96 hours) following an incident of sexual assault to preserve physical and other forms of evidence. Taking the step to gather evidence immediately does not commit an individual to any course of action. The decision to seek medical attention and gather any evidence will preserve the full range of options to seek resolution through the University's complaint processes or criminal action.

**Misericordia University** **Student Health and Wellness Center (Dallas Campus)**
(570) 674-6276
M-F, 8:30 am until 4:30 pm

**Wilkes-Barre General Hospital (Dallas Campus)**
(570) 829-8111
Provides medical treatment and Sexual Assault Forensic Exams

**Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital (Dallas Campus)**
(570) 808-7300
Provides medical treatment and Sexual Assault Forensic Exams

**Heritage Valley Health System (Pittsburgh Campus)**
(412) 741-6600

**Allegheny Health Network (Pittsburgh Campus)**
(412) 741-5670

**ii. Confidential Resources and Support**

For individuals who are seeking confidential consultation, there are several resources available to provide confidential support, both on campus and in the local community. The trained professionals designated below can provide counseling, information, and support under legally protected confidentiality. Because these relationships involve privileged conversations, these confidential resources will not share information about a patient/client (including whether or not that individual has received services) with the Title IX Coordinator or any other employee of the University without the individual's express written permission. They may, however, submit non-identifying information about the incident for purposes of making a statistical report under the Clery Act.

**a. On Campus Confidential Resources (Dallas and Pittsburgh)**:

**Misericordia University Counseling and Psychological Services Center (CAPS)**
McGowan Hall, Lower Level, or call (570) 674-6408
M-F, 8:30 am until 4:30 pm during the academic year; 24/7 on call counselor can be reached by calling Campus Safety at (570) 674-6300

The center offers individual counseling, group counseling, outreach activities, crisis intervention for students and also provides consultation services to family members, friends, faculty and staff.

**Misericordia University Student Health and Wellness Center (Dallas Campus)**
Anderson Sports and Health Center, or call (570) 674-6276

**Misericordia University Office for Mission, Ministry, and Service (Clergy when advising in that capacity)**

Banks Student Life Center, or call (570) 674-6314

**b.  Off Campus Confidential Resources**:

**Employee Assistance Program**
(800) 538-3543
[www.CignaBehavioral.com/CGI](http://www.CignaBehavioral.com/CGI)

**Victims Resource Center (Dallas Campus)**
Hotline: (570) 823-0765
Provides advocacy, support services, crisis counseling, and on-going therapeutic support.

**Luzerne County Domestic Violence Services Center (Dallas Campus)**
Hotline: (800) 424-5600
Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, a 24-hour hotline, safety planning, supportive options counseling, assistance in filing for Protection from Abuse Orders, advocacy and numerous other services that are free and kept strictly confidential

**Crisis Center North (Pittsburgh Campus)**
Hotline: (412) 364-5556
Provides advocacy, support services, crisis counseling, and on-going therapeutic support.

**National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDV)**
(800) 799-7233 (SAFE)
The National Domestic Violence Hotline can provide advocacy, resources, referral, and legal assistance to victims of relationship violence.The Hotline is under no obligation to notify the University when providing services to students.
[www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org/)

**Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)**
(800) 656-4673
A confidential, anonymous national sexual assault hotline.
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org/)

**iii.  Campus Resources**

In addition to the confidential resources listed above, Misericordia community members have access to a variety of resources provided by the University. The professionals listed below are trained to support individuals affected by sexual harassment, sexual violence, stalking or intimate partner violence and to coordinate with the Title IX Coordinator consistent with the University's commitment to a safe and healthy educational environment. While not bound by confidentiality, these resources will maintain the privacy of an individual's information within the limited circle of those involved in the Title IX resolution process.

**Misericordia University Title IX Coordinator**

Pamela Parsnik
Director of Human Resources, & Title IX Coordinator
Mercy Hall, Dallas Ground Floor
Phone: (570) 674-6310
Email: pparsnik@misericordia.edu

**Misericordia University Office of Campus Safety**
Mercy Hall, Dallas (570) 674-6300
Available 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year

Campus Safety may assist with the on-campus investigation of the incident and assist in obtaining a protection from abuse order, protection from sexual violence order, or protection from intimidation. Campus Safety can assist with contacting the appropriate law enforcement agency if the complainant requests a criminal investigation be initiated. If the complainant does not wish for law enforcement to investigate, Campus Safety officers may notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the incident and the fact the complainant request to remain anonymous.

Callie Rimpfel, Dean of Students
Phone: (570) 674-8318
Email: crimpfel@misericordia.edu

The Dean of Students can also connect students to on- and off-campus resources.

**Office of Human Resources**
Mercy Hall (570) 674-6310

Human Resources staff can assist faculty and staff requesting information, resources and reporting options. Additionally, Human Resources can assist faculty and staff with requesting workplace accommodations during the mediation or investigation process. Information shared with Human Resources will be shared with Campus Safety and relevant administrators.

**Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)**

(570) 417-8888

The SART Team is made up of Misericordia employees (faculty and staff) who volunteer their services to help assist individuals dealing with recent or past experiences of sexual misconduct of any kind.

If an individual has experienced physical or sexual violence, the University’s Office of Campus Safety and/or SART team can help guide the person through the initial process.