

Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Harassment are Prohibited



If you have experienced sex-based violence, you don't have to face this alone—support and resources are available. This document is designed to help you navigate what you may be going through. No matter what you've experienced or how you're feeling, your safety is our priority.

SURVIVORS RESOURCES

- **Law Enforcement Involvement** - Survivors have the right to notify police or decline police involvement. If you choose to notify the police, campus security authorities can assist with the notification or dial **912.384.7675** on the Douglas Campus or **912-287-4335** for the Waycross Campus. SGSC recognizes and enforces lawful orders of protection (e.g., restraining orders, no-contact orders). If you have an order of protection, please submit it to the SGSC Police Department and/or the Title IX Coordinator.
- **Preserve Evidence** - Preserving evidence in sexual assault cases is imperative if you wish to involve law enforcement. For example, avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth as this can destroy vital evidence. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement.
- [File a Student Conduct Report online](#)
- **Title IX Involvement** - You may also report to the Title IX Coordinator (info below).
- **Protection Orders and No-Contact Orders** - Where applicable, the police will assist with the acquisition, service, and enforcement of court orders.

Protecting the confidentiality of survivors:

- **State Law** - The police department will not release the names of victims or witnesses unless required by law. However, records of criminal investigations, including the name of the alleged victim and/or witness, may be released under court order.
- **Mostly Confidential** - These conversations are kept as confidential as possible. Still, information about incidents of sexual misconduct must be shared with relevant administrators and the Title IX Coordinator so that the college can act if necessary for reasons of safety. In planning a response, the wishes of the survivor are given full consideration.

Options and assistance are available to survivors:

- The Dean of Students and Housing for Student Success or the Title IX Coordinator can speak to you about possible assistance for changing academic, living, and other situations, including obtaining counseling, advocacy, and disability services. These remedies may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to law enforcement.

What are the procedures for disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking?

- At SGSC, all reports of sexual assault and stalking—whether occurring on or off campus—will be handled promptly, fairly, and impartially from the initial investigation through final resolution. For more information on available options and resources, please refer to the [SGSC Annual Security Report](#).

- Survivors may choose to file a conduct report for violations of the college's policy. The Dean of Students and Housing for Student Success is available to guide you through the conduct process and to answer any questions you may have. Refer to the [SGSC Student Services](#) page on the SGSC website for the Student Code of Conduct and the student complaint process.
- All SGSC proceedings use the preponderance of the evidence standard. Once formal adjudication is complete—and all parties have been afforded their due process rights—sanctions may be imposed, including suspension, expulsion, or termination.

TITLE IX RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

If you choose not to notify law enforcement, you still have the option of filing a complaint with the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@sgsc.edu or **912.260.4375**. For more information regarding Title IX, refer to the [Title IX page of the SGSC Website](#).

AVAILABLE SERVICES

SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

[Mental Health Services](#)
833.646.1526

Title IX Coordinator
912.260.4375
titleIX@sgsc.edu

Dean of Students and Housing for
Student Success 912.260.4416
sandra.adams@sgsc.edu

DOUGLAS/COFFEE COUNTY

Douglas Police Department

225 West Bryan Street
Douglas, GA 31533
912.384.2222

Coffee County Sheriff's Office

Thompson Drive
Douglas, GA 31533
912.384.4227

Satilla Community Services

1003 Shirley Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533
800.342.8168 (D) 912.449.7230 (W)

Victim-Witness Assistance Program Coffee County Courthouse

101 South Peterson Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533
912-383-7600

Coffee Regional Medical Center

West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533
912.394.1900

WAYCROSS/WARE COUNTY

Waycross Police Dept.

512 Oak Street
Waycross, GA 31501
912.287.2921

Ware County Sheriff's Office

3487 Harris Road
Waycross, GA 31501
912.287.4327

Satilla Rape Crisis Center

Serving the Waycross Area
912.283.0987

Victim-Witness Assistance Program

Ware County Courthouse Annex
201 State Street
Waycross, GA 31501
912.287.4395

Memorial Satilla Hospital

410 Darling Avenue
Waycross, GA 31501
912.283.3030

NATIONAL

Georgia Crisis Line 800.715.4225	Helpline Georgia 800.338.6745
<u>Violence Against Women</u> /National Domestic Violence Hotline 800.799.7233 (SAFE)	<u>Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network</u> 1.800.656.HOPE (4673)
<u>Violence Against Women Network (VAWnet)</u>	<u>National Sexual Violence Resource Center</u> 877.739.3895
<u>VictimConnect</u> and <u>The National Center for Victims of Crime</u> 855.484.2846	<u>Love is Respect (The National Dating Abuse Helpline)</u> 866.331.9474 Text "LOVEIS" to 22522
<u>National Alliance on Mental Illness (Georgia)</u> 770.408.0625	<u>Gift From Within (PTSD Survivors)</u> 213.290.1513
<u>Safe Horizon</u> 800.621.4673	<u>National Domestic Violence Hotline</u> 800.799.7233 Text "START" to 88788
<u>VAWnet</u> 717.461.3939	
<u>Suicide and Crisis Lifeline</u> 988	<u>Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program</u> 800.547.0060

The **University System of Georgia** is committed to ensuring a safe learning environment that supports the dignity of all University System of Georgia community members. The University System of Georgia does not discriminate based on sex or gender in any of its education or employment programs and activities. To that end, this policy prohibits specific forms of behavior that violate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The University System of Georgia will not tolerate sexual misconduct, which is prohibited and includes, but is not limited to, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, and stalking.

The University System further strongly encourages members of the University System community to report instances of sexual misconduct promptly. These policies and procedures are intended to ensure that all parties involved receive appropriate support and fair treatment and that allegations of sexual misconduct are handled in a prompt, thorough, and equitable manner.

South Georgia State College does not discriminate based on sex in its educational programs, activities, employment, or admissions and prohibits such discrimination by students, faculty, and staff. Non-discrimination based on sex is mandated by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).