Contacting the Victim Advocate

Call to schedule an appointment:
707-664-2153

Hours:
Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Location:
Stevenson Hall, Room 1088

Website:
http://www.sonoma.edu/conselingctr/
Click on “Victim Advocacy”

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY

Conversations with the Advocate are private. Discussions with the Victim Advocate do not constitute making a report or filing a formal complaint. The Advocate will not contact staff, parents or others without the student’s written consent.*

*Exceptions to confidentiality occur when there is imminent danger to self or others, if mandated reporting is needed for child, elder, or dependent adult abuse, or in rare legal circumstances.

AFTER-HOURS VICTIM ADVOCACY

Verity, Sonoma County’s Rape Crisis and Trauma Center
707-545-7273

ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

SSU Police Services
Note: Campus Safety Escorts are available
707-664-4444

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)/Victim Advocacy
707-664-2153

Employee Relations & Compliance
(Title IX Coordinator)
707-664-4470

Student Health Center
707-664-2921

Disability Services for Students
707-664-2677

The Hub
707-664-4247

SAFE Zone
707-664-2801

Victim Advocacy

Advocating for Sonoma State University Students
EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

The Victim Advocate strives to promote the restoration of decision making and control to survivors by advocating for their rights and honoring their experiences through education and collaboration, fostering a safe university community that respects the rights and dignity of all.

SURVIVOR BILL OF RIGHTS

• Be treated with dignity and respect regardless of race, age, sex, socioeconomic status, gender, ability or sexual orientation.
• Be treated with as much credibility as victims of other crimes.
• Be treated with gentleness and sensitivity.
• Obtain support during and after all proceedings.
• Be made aware of all options available, legally and medically.
• React to the crime in their own style, whether or not it fits with the reactions expected by the community.

WHAT IS A VICTIM ADVOCATE?

The Victim Advocate provides assistance to Sonoma State University students who have been the victim of a crime or other traumatic incident, regardless of where it occurred.

Victim Advocacy supports students who have experienced:
• Assault (physical, sexual, emotional, mental)
• Stalking
• Violent or potentially violent relationships
• Abusive relationships
• Domestic violence, intimate partner violence
• Sexual assault, rape, or incest
• Bias-related incidents
• Harassment
• Hate crimes
• Hazing
• Any other victimization or traumatic incident

HOW CAN THE ADVOCATE HELP?

Being a victim of crime can be a scary and traumatizing experience. Victim Advocacy helps students through the process of physical, emotional and financial recovery. This includes providing:

• An opportunity to talk about what happened
• Information to help an individual decide on a course of action
• Help locating resources, both on and off campus, for a variety of needs, including counseling and health services, legal assistance (restraining orders), restitution and housing.
• Assistance in developing individualized safety planning for school, home and work.
• Assistance in making arrangements with professors regarding missed classes, late assignments, or other course requirements.