

How to Conduct a Proper Complainant Intake

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General Response to Sexual Harassment 106.44(a)



A recipient with actual knowledge . . .must respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. . . .

 A recipient's response must treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures as defined in § 106.30 to a complainant . . .

General Response to Sexual Harassment 106.44(a)



- The Title IX Coordinator must promptly contact the complainant to discuss
 - the availability of supportive measures as defined in § 106.30,
 - consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures,
 - inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and
 - explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint

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Unpacking Key Words



Actual knowledge

Prompt

"Consider the Wishes"

Information on Supportive Measures Explain Formal Complaint Process

Supportive Measures



Counseling

Extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments

Modifications of work or class schedules

Campus escort services

Mutual restrictions on contact between the parties

Changes in work or housing locations

Leaves of absence

Increased security and monitoring

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What do we know?

• Read intake report, incident reports etc.

Learn about the party

- Year, major, grades, department, organization, athlete
- Discipline history?

Additional decisions

- Mutual no contact
- Emergency removal
- Administrative leave

Be Prepared

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Who Else Needs to Know?







Clery obligations? Evidence gathering?

Does your outreach differ depending upon the referral source?



The Space



In person

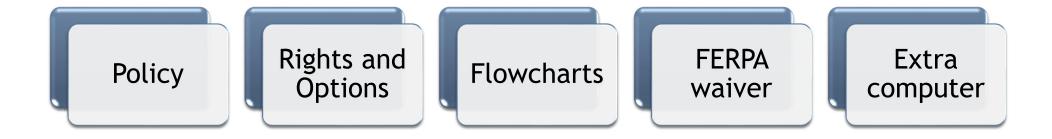
- Accessible
- Table or desk?
- Tissues
- Fidget toys

Virtual

- Camera
- Privacy

Materials





Complainant Checklist



Policy and Procedures

Reporting options (law enforcement)

Medical attention

Preserving evidence

Supportive measures

On-off campus resources

Mutual nocontact orders

Right to an advisor

Free from retaliation

Privacy

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Explain the Process



Formal grievance process

- Standard of review
- Rights in the process
- Timing

Informal grievance process

- Voluntary
- Rights in the process
- Timing

Document, Document



Checklist

Academic accommodations

Housing accommodations

Work accommodations

Mutual no contact

Resources

No accommodations requested

Resolution options

Signatures?

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Formal Complaint









Do not want to sign

Want to sign during the meeting

Unsure

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Ending the Meeting









Give space

Tell them you will follow up and when

Outline next steps in the process

Post Meeting Decisions



Review Information

- Process
- Sign Formal Complaint

Supportive measures

Emergency removal

Administrative leave

Post Meeting Communication









SUPPORTIVE MEASURES



FORMAL COMPLAINT

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What if the Complainant does not respond?



What differences might exist when meeting with the respondent?

Meeting with the Respondent





Pre-work

Report and additional information Party information



Meeting

Space
Materials
FOCUS ON THE PROCESS, NOT THE INCIDENT

Respondent Checklist



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SUPPORTIVE MEASURES

What happens if the Respondent does not respond to your attempts at outreach?

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