

UC Merced Resources & Reporting Options

A Comprehensive Guide to On-Campus, Local, and National Resources for Folks Impacted by Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence, Dating/Domestic Violence, and Stalking

Confidential Resources

Reporting Resources

CARE Office

- Provides free and confidential assistance for all UC Merced affiliates (including undergraduate students, graduate students, staff and faculty members)
- (209) 228-4147
- ucmcare@ucmerced.edu
- care.ucmerced.edu

Campus Advocate: Lynna Cano

- The Campus Advocate is available to provide support for those affected by sexual violence, dating/domestic violence, and stalking
- Survivors and significant others can access services about incidents that occurred on or off campus
- Free and confidential advocacy services; accompaniment to medical exams, law enforcement interviews, Title IX, or student conduct meeting; accompaniment and transportation to forensic exams; help with academic and housing accommodations; crisis counseling and safety planning; emergency transportation; assistance with restraining orders; referrals to community resources
- (209) 386-2051

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- Provides free crisis intervention as well as confidential counseling services through individual, couple and group formats for all registered UC Merced students (undergraduate and graduate)
- 24-hour hotline: (209) 228-4266
- counseling.ucmerced.edu

Valley Crisis Center

- Provides free and confidential services to individuals and families who have experienced or are currently experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault
- 24-hour hotline: 209-722-HELP (4357)
- info@alliance4you.org

Welltrack

- CAPS has teamed up with Welltrack to provide Interactive Self-Help Therapy Services! Welltrack provides confidential self-guided tools and resources to help manage stress, anxiety and depression. They have a FREE app on the App Store that can be considered a "Fitbit" for mental health.

Office of Ombuds Services

- Designed to serve as a safe alternative channel for confidential, neutral and informal dispute resolution services. Faculty, lecturers, postdoctoral scholars, staff, students and anyone else with a campus-related concern may use the Office of the Ombuds to discuss workplace issues, interpersonal conflicts, academic concerns, bureaucratic slow-downs and other problems
- (209) 228-4410

Campus Reporting

Sexual Harassment/Title IX Officer

- Michael Z. Salvador
- (209) 285-9510
- Msalvador2@ucmerced.edu
- dsvp.ucmerced.edu

Student Conduct

- This entity is obligated to notify the Title IX officer
- studentconduct.ucmerced.edu
- 209-228-5433

Criminal Reporting

UC Merced Department of Public Safety

- Survivors have the legal right to have an advocate present when reporting to police
- Police officers are available to answer questions, take reports,
- and refer to appropriate jurisdiction, depending on where the
- crime took place
- 911 (EMERGENCY) or 209-228-2677 (NON-EMERGENCY)
- police.ucmerced.edu

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Additional Resources

Please note that medical staff must report sexual or domestic violence to law enforcement, but that does not mean a survivor has to file a report if they do not want to. Patients have the right to a support person at the medical exam. The Campus Advocate can provide assistance with this process and provide transportation and accompaniment to the exam

UC Merced Student Health Center (Students only)

- Provides free and confidential assistance for all UC Merced affiliates (including undergraduate students, graduate students, staff and faculty members)
- (209) 228-4147
- ucmcare@ucmerced.edu
- care.ucmerced.edu

Forensic Exam

- To obtain a free forensic exam also known as a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) exam, contact the campus advocate, Valley Crisis Center, or UC Merced Police Department (UCMPD). The forensic exam collects evidence for a criminal investigation. The exam is time sensitive and it can have evidentiary value. Clothing worn during the assault may also have evidence if the survivor chooses to proceed with a criminal investigation

Jane Doe SART kit:

- This kit is collected like a regular SART exam. However, the survivor does not need to identify themselves and can remain anonymous until they want to proceed with the investigation process. UCMPD will store the kit until the survivors decide to press charges. UCMPD can store clothing while a survivor decides if they want to move forward with an investigation. For more information, contact the Campus Advocate



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National Resources

RAINN (Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network)

- Provides information and support for survivors of sexual violence
- 24/7 hotline and online chat for survivors
- (800) 656-HOPE(4673)

National DV Hotline

- Provides information and support for survivors of domestic/dating violence
- 24/7 hotline for survivors
- (800) 799-7233

National Center for Victims of Crime

- Provides information, support, and advocacy for survivors of crime
- 24/7 helpline and online chat for survivors of crime
- (855)4VICTIM

FORGE

- A national transgender anti-violence organization that provides direct services to transgender, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary survivors of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence and/or stalking
- <https://forge-forward.org/>

For more information, please visit <https://care.ucmerced.edu/>

