

# BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

# Police Department

## Sexual Violence Response Commitment

The Baylor Police Department takes any form of unwanted sexual contact, or any other form of sexual violence, seriously.

Our officers have received specialized training to understand the complexities of sexual violence and better assist you. Your health, wellness and safety are our priority and we want to support you throughout the investigative process.

While we want to encourage you to report on-campus incidents to the Baylor University Police Department, we also want you to understand the options available to you when reporting to the police. The women and men of the Baylor University Police Department have adopted the following commitments:

- Your health, wellness and safety are our priority. We will assist you in arranging for any necessary medical treatment, counseling or support of your choosing.
- We are professionals who will treat you and your particular case with courtesy, sensitivity, dignity and understanding.
- We will not prejudice you, and you will not be blamed for what occurred.
- We will make accommodations for a friend or support person to stay with you during the reporting process if it would make you more comfortable.
- We work very closely with campus and community-based advocacy and support programs. We will encourage you to utilize the services of a support advocate during the investigative process.
- We will meet with you privately at a time and local location of your choice to take your initial report.
- We will abide with all reporting requirements and the immunity provisions articulated in Baylor University's "Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Interpersonal Violence Policy."
- We will assist you in contacting the Title IX Office so you can avail yourself of their resources.
- We will fully investigate your case. You will be kept up to date on the progress of the investigation.
- We will facilitate an introduction to the McLennan County Victim Assistance Coordinator who is available to assist you.
- We will **not** notify your parents without your consent.
- We will continue to be available to answer any questions that may arise about the investigative process, and/or Texas Crime Victim's Resources that may be available to you.



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#### Additional Information for Your Consideration:

- A person cannot consent to a sexual activity if incapacitated by alcohol or drugs.
- Prior consensual sexual activity does not provide future consent.
- If you were unable to immediately report to the police, we are still able and committed to conduct a thorough investigation.
- Your confidentiality and privacy will be protected to the maximum extent possible by law and in accordance with all Baylor University policies.
- When reporting to the police, Texas state law allows victims to use a pseudonym to help protect their privacy.
- You and/or the reporting party will receive amnesty for Baylor Policy violations concerning alcohol and drug use when reporting sexual harassment or assault.

If you are a victim of unwanted sexual contact or sexual violence, please consider calling the **Baylor University Police Department** at **(254) 710-2222** any time of day or night. We are concerned about your health, safety and wellness and want to assist in connecting you to resources whether the incident occurred on-campus or off-campus. If the incident occurred off-campus and you choose, we also can assist you in contacting the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction to investigate your case.

Additional information concerning Baylor University's response to sexual violence and available resources can be obtained from the Title IX website [baylor.edu/titleIX](https://baylor.edu/titleIX).