

**Law Enforcement/CSA Information for victims of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) crimes**

After an incident of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, a person who has been victimized should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible at the appropriate local medical center (below). In Florida, evidence may be collected even if you chose not to make a report to law enforcement. It is important that a victim of sexual assault not bathe, douche, smoke, change clothing or clean the bed/linen/area where they were assaulted if the offense occurred within the past 120 hours so that evidence as may be necessary to the proof of criminal activity may be preserved. In circumstances of sexual assault, if victims do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease.

Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence are encouraged to also preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, and keeping pictures, logs or other copies of documents, if they have any, that would be useful to University hearing boards/investigators or police. To report an incident involving a sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence, contact the University of Florida Police Department at 352-392-1111. The University of Florida Police Department will assist any victim with coordinating with local law enforcement if necessary. Although the University of Florida strongly encourages all members of its community to report crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking to law enforcement, it is the victim’s choice whether or not to make such a report and victims have the right to decline involvement with the police. If you do not want to involve law enforcement, the University of Florida would encourage you to speak with a designated Campus Security (CSA). These include, but are not limited to, the Title IX Office, Dean of Students Office, or Office of Victims Services (information below).

To the extent of the victim’s cooperation and consent, university offices, including the University of Florida Police Department and the Office of Victim Services will work cooperatively to ensure that the complainant's health, physical safety, work and academic status are protected, pending the outcome of a formal university investigation of the complaint. For example, a complainant may be offered changes to academic, living, or working situations in addition to counseling, health services and assistance in notifying the appropriate local law enforcement office. This can be done by contacting the Office of Victim Services (below). Additionally, personal identifiable information about the victim will be treated as confidential and only shared with persons with a specific need to know who are investigating/adjudicating the complaint or delivering resources or support services to the complainant. The University does not publish the name of crime victims nor personally identifiable information regarding victims in the campus police departments Daily Crime Log or online.

The University of Florida’s primary objective is that to ensure that as a victim of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking, you are provided with information and access to resources that can help in your time of need. In addition to offering support, the University of Florida Police Department and designated Campus Security Authorities (CSA’s) will document information in order to help you and prevent similar crimes from happening to others in the future.

**Local Resources Contact Information:**

**Gainesville**

University of Florida Police Department (Gainesville)	Museum Road and Newell Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-392-1111
Office of Victim Services	Museum Road and Newell Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-392-5648
UF Counseling and Wellness Center	3190 Radio Road, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-392-1575

Shands Hospital Emergency Department	1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-265-8000
The University of Florida Student Health Care Center	1 Fletcher Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-392-1161
Dean of Students Office	202 Peabody Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-392-1261
Sexual Trauma/Interpersonal Violence Education (STRIVE)	3190 Radio Road, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-273-4450
Title IX Coordinator	903 W. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32611	352-273-1094

### **Jacksonville**

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office	501 E. Bay Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202	Emergency: 9-1-1 or Non-Emergency: 904-630-0500
Shands Security Office	UDC Building, Jacksonville, FL 32209	904-244-4211
UF Health Jacksonville Emergency Department	655 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> St, Jacksonville, FL 32209	904-244-6202
City of Jacksonville Office of Victim's Services	403 West 10 <sup>th</sup> St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	904-630-6300
Women's Center of Jacksonville	5644 Colcord Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32211	904-722-3000

### **Orlando**

Orange County Sheriff's Office	2500 W Colonial Dr, Orlando, FL 32084	407-254-7000
Victim Service Center of Central Florida	2111 E Michigan St, #210, Orlando, FL 32806	407-254-9415