

Protecting Minors on Campus from Sexual Misconduct

Reporting and Addressing Suspected Misconduct



To ensure a safe campus environment, institution officials must be notified about potential sexual misconduct involving minors that occurs in connection with institution activities. Timely reporting of suspected abuse will help an institution fulfill its Title IX and Clery Act obligations and reduce its liability exposure by enabling it to respond reasonably to a campus risk. States require all or certain employees of educational institutions to report suspected child abuse and neglect. Some states go further and require any person who suspects child abuse or neglect to make such reports.

A. Policies	Actions Needed
Does your institution have a written policy that: 1. Defines:	
• Minors or children, such as individuals under 18 years old? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
• Behavior that constitutes "sexual abuse" or "misconduct?" ☐ Yes ☐ No	
• Scope of application, such as all on-campus activities and college- sponsored activities off campus? For sample language, please see the policies in the Resources section. ☐ Yes ☐ No	
 Requires all faculty, staff, students, volunteers and others affiliated with the college to report suspected sexual misconduct involving minors as soon as possible to: 	
• State-designated authorities? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
• Institution officials trained to receive such reports, such as the Title IX ☐ Yes coordinator or campus police? ☐ No	

A. Policies (continued)			Actions Needed
3. Provides contact information, such as a telephone number, for the:			
 Institutional and state departments or representatives charged with 		Yes	
receiving reports of suspected sexual misconduct, or other forms of child abuse or neglect?		No	
Institutional department or person that can field questions about		Yes	
reporting obligations?		No	
4. Explains any differences between the state's mandatory reporting laws and the		Yes	
institution's reporting policy?		No	
5. States that a failure by any member of the college community to provide a timely report of suspected misconduct involving minors may result in discipline up to and including termination or removal from the program?		Yes No	
6. Drahibite ratalistica against anyone making a good faith raport?		Yes	
6. Prohibits retaliation against anyone making a good faith report?		No	
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B. Addressing Reports			
To encourage reporting, an institution should articulate how it will respond to reports re Studies show that reporters are more likely to come forward with information when they information will be taken seriously and acted upon.			
Once a report is received, does your institution:			_
Have a written policy to address notifying:		Yes	
Parents or guardians of the alleged victim?	Ц	No	
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The Title IX coordinator?		Yes No	
– Campus police?		Yes	
		No	
– The college's legal counsel?		Yes	
		No	
The person or department overseeing the activity where the		Yes	
complaint arose?		No	
- The college's head of compliance?	П	Yes	
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- Local police?		Yes	
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State or local child protection authorities?		Yes No	
– The institution's liability insurance carrier?		Yes No	
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B. Addressing Reports (continued)

· Investigate the report?

☐ Yes □ No

Actions Needed

- · Take immediate steps to prevent further harm to the alleged victim or other minors such as removing the alleged abuser from the program or activity or limiting that individual's contact with minors pending resolution of the matter?
- ☐ Yes
- · Resolve the report so that minors, victims, and the accused are treated fairly and impartially by the institution's process?
- □ No

☐ Yes □ No

Resources

Protection of Minors Policy

Georgetown University

Protection of Children Policy

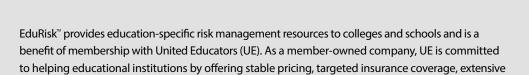
University of Notre Dame

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy

University of Connecticut

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