Walla Walla University

2019 Annual Security & Fire Safety Report

Including crime statistics for years:
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
Director’s Letter

October 1, 2019

RE: Annual Clery Report

Greetings from Walla Walla University:

To comply with the Clery Act of 1990, it is my pleasure to publish the Walla Walla University (WWU) Campus Security Report. The Annual Security Report includes statistics on certain categories of crimes and hate crimes which were reported to Campus Security and local police encompass the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Statistics for these crimes are broken down by geographic area: on campus, and on public property adjacent to the campus. As evidenced in the report, crime rates continue to remain at a low level.

An electronic version of this report is available at: https://wallawalla.edu/security-report

No hate crimes were committed on campus, or on public property adjacent to the campus.

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1974 and section 308(a) of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (known as the “Campus SaVE Act”), Walla Walla University, in collaboration with Campus Clarity, provides to all incoming freshmen and transfer students the “Think About It” educational sexual misconduct primary prevention and awareness course. Additionally, some WWU staff members are trained in Title IX (sexual assault) investigations and one student life staff member is certified as a Green Dot Bystander Intervention Instructor.

Please see the attached annual Clery Report for more details about the crime statistics.

WWU Campus Security Department operates around the clock to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and guests. We encourage the entire community to be a participant in this effort.

Sincerely,

Courtney Bryant
Director of Security
Walla Walla University
Security at Walla Walla University

All students, employees, and guests are encouraged to promptly report all criminal incidents or other emergencies to 911 and the main desk at (406) 549-4928. This document is available in its entirety on the Campus Security page of the Walla Walla University website.
The primary function of WWU Campus Security is to protect the people and property of Walla Walla University. Personnel within the department consist of a full time director, full and part time staff patrol supervisors, and multiple student patrol officers. While the Campus Security office is only open during regular business hours, security officers are on duty 24 hours each day and can be reached at the campus extension 2222 or from outside the WWU phone system to (509) 527-2222.

Campus Security is not an official law enforcement agency, nor do personnel within the department have arrest authority. Rather, the department is designed to help keep the likelihood of criminal activity to a minimum, provide needed services and response to incidents, and to keep the campus community aware of any safety/security issues via the school paper, leaflets, bulletin board announcements, etc. in a timely manner.

In the interest of making life on campus as safe as possible, Campus Security provides 24 hour security for the WWU community and its facilities. The Campus Security personnel have been trained in the areas of safety and security, and made aware of law enforcement areas of support. Campus Security aims to provide a crime-free, comfortable setting on campus, and is available to assist the WWU community in a variety of safety and security related areas including:

- CPR/First Aid
- Escort Services
- Crime Prevention Information
- Vehicle Registration/Parking Permits
- Criminal Incident Reporting and Investigation
- Personal Property Identification
- Lost and Found
- Battery Jumper Service
- Other areas of general assistance to campus community

Please keep in mind that every member of Campus Security is here to be of service to the entire university family. Campus Security asks that students and guests cooperate with requests as best as possible and expects all WWU employees to act in a professional and courteous manner. Students, employees, or guests who feel uncomfortable with an officer's actions or attitude should contact the director of Campus Security immediately.

Campus Security depends greatly on the co-operation and support from the WWU community. Students are asked to be supportive and aware of Campus Security initiatives during attendance at WWU. Suggestions for improving service are welcome at any time. Students, employees, and guests are free to call or stop by the Campus Security office anytime for assistance, emergency or otherwise, or information.
Criminal incidents reported to Campus Security are referred to the local law enforcement. All 911 and emergency incidents are responded to by local law enforcement. As Campus Security is not a law enforcement agency there is not a formal memorandum of understanding (MOU); however, a professional working relationship with local law enforcement agencies is maintained. Campus Security works in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies to provide as much information as possible regarding the investigation and prevention of crimes, including sexual assault.

While Campus Security may offer advice and assistance regarding campus safety and security, all members of the campus community are encouraged to take responsibility for their own safety and, when possible, assist others. Campus community members should always use common sense, be proactive, and take precautions. To prevent unauthorized access to campus buildings, students, employees, and guests should not prop doors open; leave doors unlocked, or open the door for a stranger. To protect the security of keys, loss or theft or keys should be reported immediately to Campus Security.

Walla Walla University does not support or authorize any off-campus student organizations and therefore does not monitor or receive specific reports from law enforcement involving such.
Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act

In 1990, the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) was amended to include the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public Law 101-542). This amendment required all postsecondary institutions participating in Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. In 1998, the act was renamed the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act in memory of Jeanne Clery, a university student who was killed in her dorm room in 1986. More commonly known as the Clery Act, this law requires colleges and universities to:

- Collect, classify, and count crime reports and statistics
- Issue campus alerts
- Publish an annual security report
- Submit crime statistics to the Department of Education
- Maintain a daily crime and fire log
- Disclose missing student notification procedures
- Provide fire safety information

The complete text of the Clery Act is available on the Security On Campus, Inc. website at www.securityoncampus.org, as are the implementing regulations published by the U.S. Department of Education.

This annual security report is compiled and prepared by Campus Security in cooperation with many campus departments, including but not limited to:

- Student Life and Mission
- Risk and Safety Management
- Human Resources and Payroll
- Counseling and Testing Services
- Campus Health and Wellness
- Plant Services
- Other Campus Security Authorities (CSAs)

Crime and disciplinary referral statistics are collected from the above groups, while statistical information for activity that occurs off campus is retrieved from the local law enforcement agencies.
Reporting a Crime or Incident

Although the reporting of criminal activity or hazardous situations directly to Campus Security is encouraged, crimes and potential hazards may also be reported to Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). CSAs are university officials who have responsibility for campus security and safety or who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities. Campus Security Authorities are responsible for forwarding non-identifying information to Campus Security for inclusion in the annual security report, regardless of whether or not the victim chooses to file a report with law enforcement.

As defined under the Clery Act, Campus Security Authorities include college deans and assistant deans, resident deans and assistant resident deans, athletic director and assistant directors, athletic team coaches, faculty advisors to student groups, and campus staff involved in disciplinary and judicial proceedings.

Although counselors typically have significant responsibility and involvement in student and campus activities, they are exempt from Clery reporting requirements. They are, however, expected to forward non-identifying information to WWU Campus Security on crimes that may be reported through their offices for inclusion in the annual security report and crime statistics. They are also encouraged; if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

Students or employees who are the victim of a crime that do not wish to pursue action within the university or criminal justice system, are encouraged to consider filing a confidential report for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. These types of reports can be made to Campus Security or any Campus Security Authority. This information can enhance community safety by allowing the university to keep a more accurate record of crimes, helping to determine whether a pattern of crime exists, and alerting the campus to potential danger.

Individuals may choose to file non-emergency reports with WWU Campus Security personnel who are available at (509) 527-2222. Campus Security personnel may also aid and help as liaison for reporting to local law enforcement.

For purposes of making timely warning reports regarding the occurrence of Clery Act crimes and the annual statistical disclosure required under the Clery Act, the campus community should report crimes to local law enforcement and Walla Walla University Campus Security.
Safety and Security

Access to and use of buildings after hours requires proper identification and authorization. Buildings are routinely checked by Campus Security personnel and everyone is expected to comply with requests for identification. Campus Security will not allow individuals access into secured areas without proper identification and or permission from a member of the department responsible for the area in question.

No person of the opposite gender will be admitted into residence hall rooms without the express permission of The Residence Hall Dean. Visitors are welcome in the lobby area of the residence halls until 12:00 am. Monitors are assigned to the front desk of each residence hall, and area checks of the residence halls are done by Campus Security.

Safety is a priority at WWU. Plant Services is responsible for maintenance to established campus and rental property buildings, as well as providing assistance in planning new buildings.

Throughout the year, surveys are conducted to review issues and identify areas of concern with respect to building security, campus lighting, landscaping, and other potential safety and security issues. Lighting and safety hazards identified during routine patrol of the campus by Campus Security are forwarded on to Plant Services for corrections.

Crimes Education

Each year, a number of orientation classes and seminars are held to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes, as well as fire prevention and safety. Groups included in orientation include: Jump Start for new students, Resident Assistants, Campus Security personnel, and faculty and staff. Though the titles of the classes and seminars vary each year, they will include topics such as drug and alcohol awareness, threat behaviors of concern, cash handling awareness, emergency preparedness, and emergency procedures including fire extinguisher training, first aid, CPR, and sex crime prevention.

WWU Administration and Campus Security, as well as the local law enforcement agencies, are available to provide training and classes for groups or answer questions for individuals as needed. Further details on subjects and procedures are available through the WWU Emergency Incident Management Plan and the WWU Student Handbook.
Emergency/Incident Management Plan (EMP)

Walla Walla University maintains an Emergency/Incident Management Plan (EMP) that contains provisions to provide immediate emergency response and evacuation in an emergency situation. In the event of an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the WWU Administration may, in due consideration of the prevailing circumstances, follow aspects of the EMP notification procedures.

The EMP also is used to implement WWU’s emergency notification systems. These systems include text and voice messaging services, building evacuation alarms, and an all campus shelter siren. The Emergency Management Team (EMT) review and will conduct an annual exercise of the EMP and will review such exercise for additions and corrections that will continuously strive to create a safe environment for the WWU campus community.

Possession, Use, and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and/or Unlawful Drugs

Part of Walla Walla University's mission is a commitment to providing an atmosphere of creative learning and healthful living for students. The personal hazards involved with substance abuse and the detrimental effects such abuse has on others undermine the commitment of safety and security to students. Therefore, WWU upholds policies that prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco, and unlawful drugs. Students are expected to practice this lifestyle while on or off campus.

Any student who is found to be buying alcoholic beverages for a minor or in possession of or selling unlawful drugs, may be asked to withdraw from WWU. Since this activity is a legal violation, the appropriate law enforcement officials may also be notified. Additionally, any student found to be using alcohol or drugs may be referred to the Student Assistance Program for evaluation, and be required to abide by any further recommendations of the counselor as a condition of continued enrollment.

It is the University’s policy that each discipline situation be treated on an individual basis, in a Christian manner and with the least possible personal embarrassment and disruption of the student’s education.

If a student comes under disciplinary action by violating University regulations and policies including alleged sex offenses, the residence hall deans, the vice president for Student Life and Mission, the Resident Life Council, and/or the Governance Committee will seek a solution to the problem and obtain appropriate support that may involve contacting the student’s parents, restitution, and any one of the several levels of discipline. Discipline does not necessarily proceed consecutively through each of the following levels, and the University may proceed directly to any level, including dismissal from WWU, in its sole discretion based on the totality of the circumstances:
• Verbal and/or written warning from a residence hall dean or the vice President for Student Life and Mission
• Reprimand with restriction of privileges
• Monetary fine or other restitution
• Citizenship probation in which any further violation of WWU expectations and policies would cause a student’s status to be immediately reevaluated (during this probationary period, restrictions may be placed on the student’s activities and/or living status)
• Behavioral Contract
• Suspension from classes
• A request for withdrawal from school
• Dismissal from WWU

If a student is called before the Governance Committee (the student discipline committee), the accuser and the accused will receive:

• notification of the complaint, and the time and place of a hearing;
• advisement of the right to appear and/or be represented by a voting member of the academic community (advocate), and/or a non-voting student advocate; and,
• advisement of the right to appeal (any appeal must be filed within 48 hours of the Governance Committee’s decision).

Following any action, the accuser and the accused will be notified of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding that is brought alleging a sex offense, by the Governance Committee chairperson or the vice president for Student Life and Mission. Parents may be notified if any student violates Walla Walla University policies and/or if discipline threatens their stay in school. Copies of the official statement of disciplinary action will be placed in a personal file, sent to the student’s parents, and sent to the residence-hall dean as appropriate. A student may file a written response at any time to be placed in his/her personal file. Upon graduation, a student may request in writing that their disciplinary file be purged. A copy of the Grievance Procedures (right to appeal) is available through the Student Life and Mission office.
Sexual Harassment and Assault

Walla Walla University works in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies to provide as much information as possible regarding the prevention of sexual assault. This includes both written information, sexual assault awareness presentations, and sexual misconduct prevention courses.

For more information regarding the prevention of sexual assault and the procedures to be followed if a sex offense occurs, please refer to the Walla Walla University Student Handbook, available online.

Victims of sexual harassment or assault are encouraged to report the incident as soon as possible. All victims of such crimes have the option of reporting the crime confidentially to the director of Campus Security and allowing him or her to work with the proper law enforcement, or they may report such crimes directly to the appropriate law enforcement.

In situations of alleged sex offense, and at the request of the victim, academic and living situations on campus may be changed if such requests are reasonably available.

Campus Security advises victims of sexual assault that to 1) contact local law enforcement as quickly as possible, 2) preserve evidence, and 3) seek medical care. For more information regarding the prevention of sexual assault and the procedures to be followed if a sex offense occurs, please refer to the Walla Walla University Student Handbook.

Assistance for WWU students and employees who are victims of sex offenses is provided through the Walla Walla University Sexual Misconduct Response Network Protocol as detailed in the Walla Walla University Student Handbook. Walla Walla University will assist victims of sex offenses by providing immediate support, short-term problem solving, and referral to the WWU Sexual Misconduct Response (Title IX) Coordinator if at all possible. The primary goal will be to help the student secure needed professional services for on- and off-campus counseling, mental health, or other services for victims of sex offenses.

If an individual is found to have violated the Sexual Misconduct (Title IX) Policy, one or more of the following sanctions may be applied, in addition to counseling at the discretion of WWU. Discipline may not necessarily proceed consecutively through each of the following levels, and the University may proceed directly to any level, including dismissal from WWU, in its sole discretion based on the totality of the circumstances:

- **Warning**: A formal statement that the student’s behavior is unacceptable and a warning that further infractions of any institutional regulation will result in more severe disciplinary action.
- **Probation**: A written reprimand that may include denial of specified social privileges, exclusion from certain campus facilities, exclusion from co-curricular activities, and other appropriate measures.
- **Suspension**: Termination of matriculated student status for a definite period of time from one to four quarters or until specific criteria is met.
- **Expulsion**: Permanent termination of matriculated student status.
Any complaint of sexual misconduct must be formally raised with the Sexual Misconduct Response (Title IX) Coordinator within 18 months of the date of the alleged conduct. If the accused person is not a student on campus at the time a complaint is raised, he or she may later be subject to disciplinary action upon re-admission to WWU. It may be a condition of re-admission that the discipline of the student be resolved with respect to any alleged sexual misconduct.

Walla Walla University will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary hearing conducted by WWU against the student who is the alleged perpetrator of the crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of the crime or offense, WWU will provide the results of the disciplinary hearing to the victim’s next of kin, if so requested.

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (section 1601 of Public Law 106-386) requires Walla Walla University to inform the campus community where to find information on registered sex offenders. Washington law requires sex offenders to register with their local police or sheriff, which places their names in a state-wide database. The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Sex Offender Information Center database can be accessed at http://ml.waspc.org/. If you need more information, contact your local law enforcement directly, or contact Campus Security at (509) 527-2222.
Missing Student

The following missing student protocol will be used by Campus Security anytime a student is reported missing.

The “myWWU” Self-Services pages offer students the opportunity to identify and register a confidential contact person(s) who may be notified in the event a student is determined missing. In the case of an on-campus housing student, the University shall notify that contact within 24 hours of a determination that the student is missing.

Students may complete the Emergency Contact Information Form when they register at the beginning of each term or at any time after. It is the responsibility of the student to update any changes to contact information. Only authorized campus officials and law enforcement officers in furtherance of a missing person investigation may utilize this confidential information. If a resident is under 18 years of age, and not an emancipated individual, the custodial parent or guardian of the missing student will be notified, in addition to the confidential contact person designated by the student.

Students, employees, or other individuals can report that a person has been missing directly to Campus Security or any of the Campus Security Authorities (CSAs).

If any member of the University community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, that person should immediately notify Campus Security at (509) 527-2222. After investigating the missing person report, should Campus Security determine that the student is missing for more than 24 hours, local law enforcement will be notified, unless the local law enforcement agency was the entity that made the determination that the student is missing. Additionally, contact will be made with the missing student’s emergency contact within 24 hours. If the missing person is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, Campus Security will notify the student’s parent or legal guardian.

This 24 hour requirement does not preclude implementing the above procedures in less than 24 hours if circumstances warrant a faster implementation.

Campus Security will attempt to locate and/or notify an emergency contact person for any WWU campus community member who has been reported missing. This may include reporting to and assisting local law enforcement as needed.
Fire Safety

Campus Safety and The Fire Safety Officer maintain a Crime and Fire Log which includes all fire related incidents occurring within the WWU campus. The WWU Campus Crime and Fire Log is not currently available electronically beyond the statistical information as required within this report, but a physical hard copy of the Crime and Fire Log is available during normal business hours at the main desk. Inquiries regarding the Crime and Fire Log should be directed to Judy Jones at (406) 549-4928. The Crime and Fire Log includes the following statistics: the date the fire was reported, the nature of the fire, the date and time of the fire, and the general location of the fire.

WWU has a no open flame policy and requires a hot work permit for exceptions to the policy. The event and/or operation is taken into consideration and added extra precautions are required by the permit process assigning responsibility to the permit holder for the extra safety. Exceptions include any open flame for building and maintenance, bon fires, candle light services, and temporary use of a live cut tree.

Fire Code prevents the use of any electrical cooking appliances with an open coil in student housing. See the list below for examples of objects and appliances that are NOT ALLOWED and those which are ALLOWED. Note that this is not a comprehensive list.

Not Allowed:
- hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens, electric skillet, sandwich cooker, electric grills, candles, torches, incense, matches, lighters, extension cords, Christmas trees, oil lamps, fireworks, combustible chemicals, halogen lamps

Allowed:
- Microwaves, coffee makers, hot pots, rice cooker, electric tea kettle, slow cooker, crock pot, bread maker, blender, electric mixer, hand mixer

The WWU residence halls are required to hold periodic fire drills. When the residence hall alarm sounds, the law requires that the residence halls be evacuated as promptly as possible. Students should follow the fire escape route and safety locations posted on the back of the room’s door, and check in with their RAs. Consider the following in the event of a fire or fire drill:

- Sound the alarm. Use a pull-station on the wall to trigger a fire alarm. Alarm pull-stations are located in the hallways near each exit.
- The Fire Department is automatically dispatched.
- Take necessary precautions such as:
  - Putting on a pair of shoes (flip-flops)
  - Grabbing and wrapping in a blanket in case of cold weather or partial nudity
  - Bringing eye glasses if needed
- Evacuate the building.
  - Exit Routes:
- Door – if not hot, open slowly, checking for pressure or smoke
- Outside exits and exit stairwells – use if safe from a fire hazard
- Secondary exit – be aware of the secondary exit for your hall and use if safe from fire hazard
- Window – if necessary, break using extreme caution; shield face and use a chair or other object to break glass; wrap a towel or blanket around an arm when removing shards of glass from the pane
  - DO NOT - use elevators, run, panic, return to your room or the building until advised; stay in the vicinity of the burning building at a safe distance (see designated area assigned to each hall)
- Knock on doors when exiting the building, alerting others that there is a fire alarm and they must get out.
- Control the fire: If time permits and the fire can be fought without endangering oneself, use the proper fire extinguisher and try to put out the fire. Remember these three classes of fire:
  - Combustible: wood, paper, trash, etc.; use water, foam or multi-purpose dry chemical to extinguish.
  - Electrical: use multi-purpose dry chemical, or CO2. DO NOT USE WATER.
  - Chemical: gasoline, oil, or other flammables; use multi-purpose dry chemical, or CO2. DO NOT USE WATER. Do NOT “beat” the fire out.
- In the event of fire in a personal room, keep low to the floor.
- Become familiar with the location of all exits, alarms, and fire extinguishers, and learn how to use them BEFORE a fire starts.
- In case of bodily contact with fire: stop, drop, and roll.

All emergencies are to be reported to 911. All students, employees, and guests are encouraged to promptly report all fire incidents or other emergencies to 911 and to the main desk. Safety issues and potential emergencies should also be reported to the main desk.

Walla Walla University periodically evaluates and tests the safety and fire prevention and management systems currently installed in WWU facilities. Considerations on current and future replacement systems include safety of the students and employees, functionality, and effectiveness for fire protection and management.
On-Campus Crime Statistics

**On Campus:** any building or property owned or controlled by Walla Walla University including residence halls located within the contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus of Walla Walla University

Public Property Crime Statistics

**Public Property:** all public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus
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SECTION ONE: INTRODUCTION

Walla Walla University is committed to providing all individuals with an environment free of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct. Walla Walla University prohibits all forms of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct including, but not limited to, sex-based intimidation and harassment, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual violence. Instances of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, in any form, will not be tolerated. Should such issues arise, this policy outlines procedures designed to effectively address these issues in a timely manner, prevent recurrence, and support individuals affected. This policy is not and should not be construed to be an alternative or replacement for the criminal justice system. Rather it provides avenues through which the campus community may work to create a healthy learning environment.

THE UNIVERSITY WILL

- Respond to and investigate every reported complaint within a timely manner.
- Provide involved parties with appropriate resources such as mental and physical health care providers as well as campus policies on sex discrimination and sexual misconduct.
- Provide remedies when misconduct is discovered.
- Impose appropriate sanctions on a case-by-case manner.
- Protect the privacy of all those involved to the extent it is possible and where protecting that privacy does not put the individual or others at risk.

Walla Walla University is committed to addressing all forms of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct through enacting preventative measures, educating the campus community, and implementing our institutional disciplinary process. Walla Walla University employees are responsible for taking reasonable and necessary action to prevent, address, and respond to sex discrimination/misconduct as permissible by their professional guidelines, which are based on the capacity in which they were hired by the University. For example, those hired as mental health counselors may be exempt from reporting instances of sexual assault if the individual does not pose a threat to themselves or the campus community. However, a faculty member who may also hold a degree in counseling would still be required to report since they were hired by the University in the capacity of faculty rather than mental health counselor.
SECTION TWO:

SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy applies to any form of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent to deny or limit a student’s ability to participate in or benefit from any program or educational opportunity provided by Walla Walla University. Upon notice of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, Walla Walla University is responsible to take immediate steps to eliminate the conduct, remedy its effects, and prevent its recurrence. This policy applies to all university-related activities both on and off campus and applies to all individuals involved in these activities. Any member of the Walla Walla University community, including but not limited to employees, students, guests, and contracted professional, found in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

This policy also applies to conduct by third parties, who are not themselves employees or students of Walla Walla University (such as a visiting speaker, contracted professional or visiting athletic team). The disciplinary actions the University may take will differ depending on the level of control the school has over the harasser. Regardless of the level of disciplinary action that can be taken, Walla Walla University is committed to remedying the effects of any sex discrimination/misconduct and preventing its recurrence.

It should be noted that harassment does not include verbal expressions or written material that is relevant and appropriately related to course subject matter or curriculum. The policy does not limit classroom teaching concerning sexual topics legitimately related to the content or purposes of a course, even though such topics may elicit discomfort in a class member. Nor is this policy intended to limit scholarly research, publication, or public speaking on gender-related topics.

All members of the Walla Walla University community are required to comply with the policy and procedures outlined to address complaints. In addition to the procedures outlined herein, discrimination and harassment complaints may be filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. Any complaint of discrimination or sexual misconduct filed under the University’s policy shall be processed even if the reporting party also files a complaint or suit with an outside agency, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. Retaliation against anyone who files a report or participates in the investigative process will not be tolerated.
SECTION THREE:

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

If you are a victim of or aware of an instance of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, you are highly encouraged to report it. The University has resources to offer and may be able to help. There are several options for reporting with differing levels of confidentiality. The University will make every effort to keep the report as private as you want and let you determine the course of action whenever possible.

Certain employees can maintain complete confidentiality (unless there is a concern for your safety or the safety of others) and are not required to share the details of the incident with anyone else. Other employees are required to share certain details of your report with specific professional staff on campus. Likewise, in certain situations the University has federal reporting requirements. In these cases, your information will be shared with as few people as possible and every effort will be made to maintain your privacy.

If you are unsure of a staff or faculty member’s reporting requirement, contact the Title IX Coordinator. This policy is intended to make individuals aware of the various reporting and confidential disclosure options available so that individuals can make informed choices about available resources should they become a victim of or aware of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct. The reporting avenues, levels of confidentiality, and other University reporting requirements are outlined in Section 7: Reporting Policies and Protocols.

All individuals involved in an investigation or adjudication procedure will be informed of the importance of confidentiality.
SECTION FOUR:

OPTIONS FOR ASSISTANCE

IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE
If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, the following procedures are encouraged:
1. Go to a safe place.
2. Call someone whom you trust.
3. Consider reporting to local law enforcement and the Title IX Coordinator.
4. Consider seeing a medical professional. There are many benefits to doing so. Seek medical care at an emergency room or hospital of your choice. It is important to have a medical exam to check for physical injuries and disease, to dispense pregnancy information and prophylaxis if necessary, and to collect evidence should you decide to prosecute. If you are planning on filing a criminal complaint, the medical exam must be done within 72 hours of the assault. You may have the exam and then decide not to prosecute. It may be helpful to ask someone you trust, a Walla Walla University staff member, or a volunteer from the YWCA, to go with you.

If you want to prosecute, there are steps you can take to help preserve evidence. You should avoid changing clothes, bathing, douching, urinating, or defecating before arriving at the ER. Urine samples will be necessary to test for any date rape drugs. Bring extra clothes with you, as clothing may be held as evidence.

You are encouraged to report any instance of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct to campus personnel so you may be provided with support, assistance, and resources. Campus personnel can also assist you in contacting other resources both on and off campus.
The University may also offer the following remedies and/or accommodations for individuals reporting sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, including (no formal complaint or investigation, campus or criminal, need occur before these options are available):

Inform the reporting party of, and offer to assist in accessing available resources both on and off campus such as mental health counseling, physical health care providers, and victim advocacy services.

Inform the reporting party of the right to report to local law enforcement and provide assistance if the reporting party so wishes.

Offer other security and support services such as:

Issuing a campus no-contact order against another student who has engaged in or threatens to engage in sexual misconduct, stalking, threatening, harassing or other improper behavior that presents a danger to the welfare of the reporting party or others;

A change of living or working arrangements, or academic accommodations so the reporting party need not face the responding party. Academic accommodations will vary based on the situation and class, but may include options such as assignment rescheduling, taking an incomplete in a class, transferring class sections, temporary withdrawal, alternative course completion options, etc.

**ONGOING ASSISTANCE**

You may have a need for ongoing support in the days and weeks following instances of sex discrimination and/or sexual misconduct. Walla Walla University encourages you to utilize the
following resources, available to you whether or not you choose to make an official report or participate in an institutional disciplinary and/or criminal process:

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| **ON CAMPUS** Counseling, Testing, and Wellness  
(509) 527-2147 | **ON CAMPUS** Adventist Health University Clinic  
(509) 527-2425 | **Walla Walla University**  
Jennifer Carpenter  
(509) 527-2141 |
| Services are free to students. | Providence St. Mary Medical Center  
(509) 525-3320  
401 W. Poplar, Walla Walla | The Title IX Coordinator is trained in issues of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct and can connect you to resources, answer questions, offer other forms of assistance as appropriate, and provide ongoing support with an institutional disciplinary process or a criminal process. |

Contact information for crisis services available to WWU’s campuses can be found in Section Twelve.
SECTION FIVE:

TITLE IX COORDINATOR

The Title IX Coordinator for Walla Walla University is Jennifer Carpenter, Director of Human Resources. She can be reached at Jennifer.Carpenter@wallawalla.edu or (509) 527-2141. To reach her after hours or in an emergency, please contact Campus Security at (509) 527-2222.

THE TITLE IX COORDINATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Oversight and implementation of the Title IX policy including investigation and adjudication procedures.

- Ensure all members of the investigation and adjudication teams for Title IX are trained in issues specific to sex discrimination and sexual misconduct.

- Educate the Walla Walla University community on reporting requirements for sex-based offenses including when and how to report instances of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct.

- Coordinate trainings for the Walla Walla University community on issues of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct.
SECTION SIX:
DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

COERCION
Unreasonable pressure for sexual activity.

CONSENT
An active giving of permission to engage in activity. Consent is clear, knowing, and voluntary. Consent may be given through words or actions. Silence or absence of protest is not to be interpreted as consent. Previous history does not imply consent for future activity. Likewise, consent to one activity does not imply consent to another. Consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. Consent cannot be given under pressure, force, threats, intimidation, coercion, or while incapacitated due to influence of alcohol and/or drugs. In order to give consent one must be of legal age and not incapacitated mentally or physically.

DATING VIOLENCE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
When controlling, abusive, or aggressive behaviors are used by one person to gain power over the other. It can happen in cohabitating or romantic relationships that are mixed or same sex. Controlling, abusive, or aggressive behaviors can include physical violence, threat of physical violence, emotional, mental, or sexual abuse or a combination of these.

FORCE
The use of physical violence and/or imposing on someone physically to gain sexual access. Force includes threats, intimidation, and coercion that overcome resistance or produce consent. The presence of force is not demonstrated by the absence of resistance. Sexual activity that is forced is by definition non-consensual, but non-consensual sexual activity is not by definition forced.

INCAPACITATION
A state where an individual cannot make a rational or reasonable decision because they lack the ability or information to understand the sexual interaction to the fullest extent. Incapacitation can result from mental or physical disabilities, drug or alcohol use, physical restraints, “date-rape” drugs, or anything that effects the individual’s ability to make a clear and informed decision. Incapacitation occurs anytime sexual activity takes place where the alleged victim does not understand the “who, what, when, where, why, and how.” Even if a person gives consent while incapacitated, the consent is invalid.

INTIMIDATION
The act of using coercion, instilling fear, or making threats to induce submission, compliance, or acquiescence from another.

NON-CONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONTACT
Any intentional sexual touching, however slight with any object, by an individual or group or upon another individual or group that is without consent and/or by force.

REPORTING PARTY
The individual reporting the alleged issue of sex discrimination and/or sexual misconduct.

RESPONDING PARTY
The alleged perpetrator of any form of sex discrimination and/or sexual misconduct.

RETAIATION
When an individual seeks a form of revenge against another for a perceived wrong.

SEX DISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
Anytime a person's sex becomes a factor or basis in treating them unfairly. Sex discrimination may also occur when an individual is treated unfairly due to their connection with a group or organization that is typically associated with a certain sex. Sexual misconduct includes behaviors such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, any non-consensual behavior of a sexual nature, domestic or dating violence, and stalking. Such behaviors could be committed by force, intimidation, or use of a victim's incapacity (physical, mental, or through the use of drugs and/or alcohol).

SEXUAL ASSAULT
Sexual intercourse or sexual contact with another person by forcible compulsion and/or without consent. Forcible compulsion may be committed by means such as physical power, coercion, or incapacitation. Acts of sexual assault include rape, oral, or anal intercourse, and other sexual acts not involving intercourse to which participants are not both consenting. Absence of protest is not consent.

SEXUAL CONTACT
Intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals, or touching another with any of these body parts, or making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; any intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner, though not involving contact with/of/by breasts, buttocks, groin, genitals, mouth, or other orifice.

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
When a person takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for their own advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the other sexual misconduct offenses.
Examples of sexual exploitation include:

- Invasion of sexual privacy
- Non-consensual video or audio-taping of a sexual nature
- Going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as letting friends view you having consensual sex without the other party knowing)
- Sexually-based stalking and/or bullying
- Engaging in voyeurism
- Knowingly transmitting an STI or HIV to another person

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

- **Quid Pro Quo**: Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment or educational experience.
- **Retaliatory**: Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment or educational decisions affecting such individual. This can also include retaliation against any person by the reporting party, the responding party, or by friends or others who are sympathetic to either party. In addition, retaliation directed toward a third party due to their participation in a disciplinary process or for supporting an investigation may be retaliatory harassment.
- **Hostile Environment**: Such conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive and persistent so as to alter the conditions of, or have the effect of substantially interfering with, an individual’s educational opportunity by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

STALKING

A course of conduct that occurs when one individual repeatedly directs unwanted or obsessive attention towards another. Behaviors may include being in unnecessary or unusual repeated visual or physical proximity to an individual, nonconsensual communication, verbal, written, or implied threats, persistent patterns of leaving unwanted gifts, damaging or threatening to damage property, lying in wait and/or monitoring, defamation of character, harassment via internet or telephone, spreading rumors, or a combination of these.

EXAMPLES OF SEX DISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Some examples of conduct prohibited by this policy include, but are not limited to:

- **DIRECT OR IMPLIED THREATS** that submission to sexual advances or rejection of sexual advances will be a condition of employment, work status or assignments, promotion, grades, letters of recommendation, salary, academic standing, or receipt of financial aid;
- **PERSISTENT AND UNWELCOME FLIRTING, ADVANCES, AND/OR PROPOSITIONS** of a sexual nature, intimidating conduct which exerts pressure for sexual favors, including inappropriate behavior or offensive advances (e.g., sexual propositions when the other person has made it clear that they are not interested) without threat of punishment for
noncompliance and without promise of reward for compliance;

- **REPEATED INSULTS, HUMOR, JOKES, AND/OR STORIES** that belittle or demean an individual’s or group’s gender or orientation, and physical conduct or verbal innuendo which, because of one’s gender or orientation, creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment;

- **REPEATED UNWELCOME COMMENTS** of a sexual nature about an individual’s body or clothing;

- **A PATTERN OF CONDUCT** in class, in the work-place, or in the general campus environment that a reasonable person would identify as creating a sexist atmosphere; that is, an atmosphere that demeans or oppresses people simply by virtue of their gender. Examples of such patterns of conduct might include persistent denigration of individuals through sexist humor or remarks, assignment according to gender of tasks that are not gender-specific, or other activities that, by alienating or discouraging members of one sex, tend to impair their academic or professional performance or their ability to function within the community (e.g., hanging of signs which depict individuals in a sexually derogatory manner, yelling sexist remarks from windows as an individual walks by); and/or,

- **BEHAVIOR THAT WOULD CAUSE DISCOMFORT** or humiliate a reasonable person through one or more of the following:
  - Inappropriate touching, patting, pinching, unwanted hugging, or brushing against a person’s body;
  - Remarks of a sexual nature about a person’s clothing or body;
  - Remarks about sexual activity or speculation about previous sexual experience or sexual orientation, or other sexually suggestive remarks or insults.
SECTION SEVEN:

REPORTING POLICIES

Walla Walla University encourages all members of the campus community to report instances of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct. You may report if you are a victim or a third party who is aware of an issue of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct. There are various avenues for reporting with varying levels of confidentiality and services available.

Certain WWU employees can maintain complete confidentiality and are not required to share the details of the incident with anyone else, unless there is a concern for your safety or the safety of others. Other Walla Walla University employees are defined as “responsible employees” as they are required to share your report with the Title IX Coordinator so that Walla Walla University may take steps to offer you support services, prevent the recurrence of the sex discrimination, etc. In these cases, your information will be shared with as few people as possible and every effort will be made to maintain your privacy. Regardless of the reporting avenue you choose, we will make every effort to keep the report as private as you want and let you determine the course of action whenever possible.

If you are unsure of a staff or faculty member's reporting requirement, please ask. This policy is intended to make individuals aware of the various reporting and confidential disclosure options available so that individuals can make informed choices about where to turn should they become a victim of or aware of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct. The reporting avenues, levels of confidentiality, and other University reporting requirements are outlined below.

RETRATIATION

Retaliation against any individual who makes a report or participates in the disciplinary process will not be tolerated.

REPORTING AVENUES

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

The Adventist Health University Clinic (AHUC) and Counseling, Testing, and Wellness counselors and health care professionals can provide you with confidential reporting. These employees cannot and will not share the details of your report without your consent. However, should your report indicate there is a concern for your safety or the safety of others, they may have to share some details. AHUC can be reached at (509) 527-2425. The Counseling, Testing, and Wellness department can be reached at (509) 527-2147. To reach AHUC or Counseling, Testing, and Wellness after-hours please contact Campus Security at (509) 527-2222. These individuals can connect you with resources and explain the other reporting options available to you.
Off-campus counselors, advocates, and health care providers will also generally maintain confidentiality and not share information with the University unless the victim requests the disclosure and signs a consent or waiver form. If you would like to report to someone off campus, you may also contact the YWCA Crisis Center at (509) 529-9922.

**PRIVATE REPORTING**
You may report issues of sex discrimination and/or misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator or any Walla Walla University employee (Residential Life and Housing, Campus Security, etc.). These individuals are defined as “responsible employees” and are required to share your information with the Title IX Coordinator. Your information will be shared with as few people as possible. Every effort will be made to keep the details private. The details of your report, to whom you report and the course of action you wish to pursue will determine how your information is shared. A responsible employee should not share information with law enforcement without the reporting party’s consent or unless the reporting party has also reported the incident to law enforcement.

When a responsible employee is made aware of an incident of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, the reporting party has the right to expect the University to take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate what happened and to resolve the matter promptly and equitably.

The University will remain ever mindful of the reporting party’s well-being, take ongoing steps to protect the reporting party from retaliation or harm, and work with the reporting party to create a safety plan. Retaliation against any reporting party, whether by students or employees, will not be tolerated.

**TITLE IX COORDINATOR**
You may report to the Title IX Coordinator for Walla Walla University, Jennifer Carpenter, Director of Human Resources. She can be reached at Jennifer.Carpenter@wallawalla.edu or (509) 527-2141. To reach her after hours or in an emergency, please contact Campus Security at (509) 527-2222.

**LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
You may also report to your local law enforcement via 911 in an emergency or by contacting your local police department. Contact information for police departments can be found in Section Twelve of this policy. They can assist in filing civil and/or criminal charges. Sexual assault is a criminal offense. Walla Walla University realizes universities cannot and should not hold themselves as an alternative to the criminal justice system.

**UNIVERSITY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**FEDERAL REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**
Campus officials have a duty to report certain forms of sex discrimination and sexual
misconduct for federal statistical reporting purposes. All personally identifiable information is kept confidential, but statistical information must be passed along to campus law enforcement regarding the type of incident and its general location for publication in the annual Campus Security Report.


**FEDERAL TIMELY WARNING REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

Victims of sexual misconduct should also be aware that University administrators must issue timely warnings for incidents reported to them that pose a substantial threat of bodily harm or danger to members of the campus community. The University will make every effort to ensure that a complainant’s name and other identifying information is not disclosed, while still providing enough information for community members to make safety decisions in light of the danger.

**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION**

Walla Walla University reserves the right to notify parents/guardians of dependent students regarding any health or safety risk. The University may also notify parents/guardians of non-dependent students who are under age 21 of alcohol and/or drug policy violations. Walla Walla University also reserves the right to designate which university officials have a need to know about individual conduct complaints pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

**AMENSTY PROVISION**

The University recognizes that individuals who have been drinking alcohol and/or using other drugs (whether such use is voluntary or involuntary) at the time that sex discrimination or sexual misconduct occurs may be hesitant to report such incidents due to fear of potential consequences for their conduct. Sex discrimination or sexual misconduct may include, but is not limited to, sex-based intimidation and harassment, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual violence. Walla Walla University strongly encourages individuals to report any of the above forms of discrimination or misconduct to University officials. A reporting individual or bystander acting in good faith when disclosing any incidents of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct to University officials or law enforcement will not be subject to disciplinary action per Walla Walla University’s Student Code of Conduct or Employee Handbook, for violations of alcohol and/or other drug use policies occurring at or near the time of the commission of any of the above forms of violence.

However, to foster healing and growth, WWU may initiate educational opportunities about the use of alcohol or drugs and their impact. Amnesty applies only to the personal use of alcohol or drugs and does not extend to other potential violations of the Student Code of Conduct or other University policies. For example, if the responding party provided alcohol or drugs to the reporting party as a means of facilitating the alleged violation, the responding party may face additional action.

Abuse of amnesty requests can result in a decision by the Vice President of Student Life not to extend amnesty to the same person repeatedly. Abuse of this policy may result in the appropriate disciplinary action.

**WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU REPORT**
If you contact a member of Residence Life and Housing (your RA or RD), Campus Security, faculty, or professional staff (not including those hired by Walla Walla University as mental or physical health providers):

- The employee will notify the Title IX Coordinator of the incident.
- You may be contacted by the Title IX Coordinator regarding the incident.
- An investigation conducted by a campus employee trained as a Title IX investigator may begin if the individual so chooses or if the incident suggests there is an ongoing threat to the campus community. An investigation does not mean that your personal identity will be revealed to the campus community nor does it mean that you would ever have to come face-to-face with the accused.
- The Title IX Coordinator will offer to connect you to local police and mental and physical health care providers if you so desire
- If the responding party is a member of the Walla Walla University community, the Title IX Coordinator can order the responding party to cease and desist from any intentional contact, direct or indirect, with you. The University may also be able to offer housing and/or classroom accommodations so that the reporting party need not face the responding party.
- You will also be given the opportunity to contact Walla Walla University Counseling, Testing, and Wellness or another agency in the community such as a YWCA Crisis Center.
- The nature of your report (i.e. sexual assault) may be included in the University’s crime statistic log. The crime log does not include personally identifiable information, just that a report of an issue such as sexual assault was taken. Likewise, should the nature of your report pose a threat to the campus community, general information may need to be shared. This is further explained in the Federal Reporting Obligations section.
- If you chose to move forward with the campus judicial process, the individuals who facilitate that process will be notified as well as the responding party.

If you contact the Adventist Health University Clinic or Counseling, Testing, and Wellness:

- A counselor and/or an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) will meet with you on-campus and provide support.
- The counselor and/or ARNP will not share any information of the incident with law enforcement or a member of the Walla Walla University community without the victim’s consent unless there is a clear threat to others or the individual makes statements of a suicidal/homicidal nature.
- The counselor and/or ARNP will explain reporting options and support you in whatever decision you make regarding whether or not to report.
- If you choose to file a report with the Title IX Coordinator or law enforcement, a counselor may accompany you and support you through the process if you so desire.

If you contact your local police department:

- The police will meet with you to discuss the incident and create a report.
- The police will ask you for details of the sex discrimination or sexual misconduct and
explain your legal rights.

- They may contact a victim advocacy service or the alleged perpetrator. Their actions will depend on what you report and how you want to proceed.
- The police may contact Campus Security to let them know that they are on campus.

*If you go to the hospital for an exam:*

- You may request that a sexual assault exam be completed.
- A police officer may be contacted and you may be asked to make a report. The officer is there to collect any evidence obtained during the exam.
- If you are 18 or older, your parents will not be notified by the hospital without your consent.
- Making a report and completing an exam preserves the option to prosecute, but does NOT commit an individual to pressing charges.
- You may request a member of the Walla Walla University community, an advocate from the YWCA, or a support person of your choice to accompany you to the exam.
SECTION EIGHT:

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

The University will investigate all reports of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct. However, the level and scope of the investigation may in some cases be decided by the reporting individual. Responsibility for the investigation is assigned to the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator oversees the training and implementation of the investigator team.

FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

Formal investigations with willing participants provide the most thorough and effective process. They are also necessary for campus disciplinary proceedings.

In a formal investigation the Title IX Coordinator will assign a team of two investigators to investigate the case. The investigators may interview the reporting party, the responding party, witnesses, parties with potentially relevant information, review video footage, and investigate other appropriate avenues that may provide pertinent information. The investigators will keep both the reporting party and the responding party apprised of their rights and the status of the process. The investigators will compile all the investigation material into a report and make a determination of responsible or not responsible. The steps of the process are outlined in Section 9: Grievance/Adjudication Procedures.

INFORMAL INVESTIGATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

If a reporting party discloses an incident but wishes to maintain confidentiality or requests that no investigation into a particular incident be conducted or disciplinary action taken, the University must weigh that request against the University’s obligation to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for all students, including the reporting party.
If the University honors the request for confidentiality, a reporting party must understand that the University's ability to meaningfully investigate the incident and pursue disciplinary action against the alleged perpetrator(s) may be limited. Although rare, there are times when the University may not be able to honor a reporting party’s request not to investigate in order to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for all students. When weighing a reporting party’s request for confidentiality or that no investigation or discipline be pursued, the University will consider a range of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Whether there have been other sexual violence complaints about the alleged perpetrator
- Whether the accused has a history of arrests or records from a prior school indicating a history of violence.
- Whether the accused threatened further sexual or other violence against the reporting party or others.
- Whether the sexual violence was committed by multiple perpetrators.
- Whether the sexual violence was perpetrated with a weapon.
- Whether the reporting party is a minor.
- Whether the University possesses other means to obtain relevant evidence of the sexual violence (e.g., security cameras or personnel, physical evidence).
- Whether the reporting party’s report reveals a pattern of perpetration (e.g., via illicit use of drugs or alcohol) at a given location or by a particular group.

The presence of one or more of these factors could lead the University to investigate and, if appropriate, pursue disciplinary action.

If the University determines that it cannot maintain a reporting party’s confidentiality, the University will inform the reporting party prior to starting an investigation and will, to the extent possible, only share information with people responsible for handling the University’s response.

If a reporting party discloses an incident but wishes to maintain confidentiality, the University may not require a reporting party to participate in any investigation or disciplinary proceeding. Because the University is under a continuing obligation to address the issue of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct campus-wide, reports will also prompt the University to consider broader remedial action such as increased monitoring, supervision or security at
locations where the reported sexual misconduct occurred, increasing education and prevention efforts, conducting climate surveys, and/or revisiting its policies and protocols.

If the University determines that it can respect a reporting party’s request for confidentiality, the University will also take immediate action as necessary to protect and assist the reporting party. The University will offer remedies and/or accommodations for the reporting party. Some examples of these are below. No formal complaint or investigation, campus or criminal, need occur before these options are available.

- Inform the reporting party of, and offer to assist in accessing, available resources both on and off campus such as mental health counseling, physical health care providers, and victim advocacy services.
- Inform the reporting party of the right to report to local law enforcement and provide assistance if the reporting party so wishes.
- Offer other security and support services such as:
  - Issuing a campus no-contact order against another student who has engaged in or threatens to engage in sexual misconduct, stalking, threatening, harassing, or other improper behavior that presents a danger to the welfare of the reporting party or others;
  - Arranging a change of living or working arrangements, or academic accommodations so the reporting party need not face the responding party. Academic accommodations will vary based on the situation and class, but may include options such as assignment rescheduling, taking an incomplete in a class, transferring class sections, temporary withdrawal, alternative course completion options, etc.

CONFIDENTIALITY
All individuals involved in an investigation and/or adjudication process will be informed of the importance of confidentiality. Conversations and information that result from an investigation or disciplinary proceeding are private and should not be shared.

TIME FRAMES
Investigations will be conducted in reasonable and prompt time frames with a goal of 60 days for completion. Certain issues may result in prolonged investigations, such as the point in the quarter when the incident is reported. For example, conducting interviews during school breaks may be more challenging as students, faculty, or staff may be away. Every effort will be made to find resolution within the 60-day time frame. Should the incident also be investigated by local law enforcement, the campus process need not wait for the outcome of the criminal justice system process before making a final determination.
SECTION NINE:

GRIEVANCE/ADJUDICATION PROCEDURES

STANDARD OF PROOF
The standard of proof used for hearing cases of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct will be preponderance of the evidence, or “more likely than not.” Findings of responsible or not responsible for sex discrimination and sexual misconduct cases will be made based on this standard of proof in determining if a violation occurred.

REPORTING PARTY AND RESPONDING PARTY RIGHTS

The right not to be discouraged by University officials from reporting an assault to both on-campus and off-campus authorities.

The right to be informed by University officials of options to notify proper law enforcement authorities, including campus security and local police, if the student so chooses. This also includes the right not to report, if this is the victim’s desire.

The right to have complaints of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct responded to quickly and with sensitivity.

The right to be notified of available mental health counselling, physical health care providers, and victim advocacy services.

The right to investigation and appropriate resolution of all credible complaints of sexual misconduct made in good faith.

The right to be treated with respect by University officials.

The right to preservation of confidentiality, to the extent possible and allowed by law.

The right not to have irrelevant prior sexual history admitted as evidence in a campus investigation.

The right to an outcome based solely on evidence presented. Such evidence shall be credible, relevant, based in fact, and without prejudice.

The right to appeal the finding(s) and/or sanction(s).
When an incident of sex discrimination or sexual misconduct is reported, the Title IX Coordinator will:

- Determine the identities and contact information of the reporting and responding party.
- Conduct an immediate preliminary inquiry to determine:
  - Whether the reporting party is willing to engage in the investigation process and allow their identity to be known to the responding party.
  - Whether or not the alleged behavior suggests increased or ongoing harm to the reporting party or other members of the University community.
  - Necessary interim remedial actions and accommodations for the reporting party.
- Based on the information obtained in the preliminary inquiry, the Title IX Coordinator will determine if there is enough evidence to proceed with a comprehensive investigation.
  - If the preliminary inquiry does not yield enough evidence to warrant an investigation, the reporting party will be notified and the case will be closed.
  - If there is evidence to warrant an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator will notify both parties, review the allegations with the responding party, and assign a team of two investigators to conduct a thorough, reliable, and impartial investigation.
- Assist the parties in understanding the policies and procedures involved, as well as their rights during the proceedings, including the right to have an advocate present.
- Review the information related to the grievance allegation(s) in order to initiate an appropriate response.
- Provide for both parties appropriate remedies or interim measures as necessary throughout the investigation process.

REPORTING/RESPONDING PARTY ADVOCATES
Both parties have the right to one advocate who will support them as they go through the investigation. This may be a University employee, legal counsel, friend, parent, etc. The reporting/responding party may confer with their respective advocates, but the advocates may not actively participate or ask questions during the investigation.

FORMAL INVESTIGATION PROCESS
Walla Walla University believes in and provides a fundamentally fair process for allegations of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct by engaging in an investigative model that is thorough, reliable, and impartial. A fair process is created by ensuring that both parties are:

- Given comprehensive notice of all allegations,
- Provided an opportunity to present and respond to all evidence and witnesses throughout the investigative process, and
- Provided notice of the outcome of the investigation and any subsequent sanctions and/or remedies.
Either party may choose not to participate in the investigation. However, the investigation will proceed as necessary and the findings will be based on all available evidence. The non-participating party will retain all rights in the process, but no appeals may then be based on the failure of the non-participating party to provide information which was available at the time of the investigation.

For all formal investigative procedures, the team of assigned investigators will interview the reporting party, the responding party, and any witnesses. They will evaluate and weigh the available evidence, and review the investigation with the Title IX Coordinator, who will determine if the investigation material represents a thorough, reliable, and impartial investigation. The investigative team will then write a report based on the factual evidence gathered and analyze the evidence to determine, by preponderance of the evidence (“more likely than not”), whether the responding party is responsible for the alleged policy violation(s). If the responding party is found responsible, the investigation will also include a recommended range of sanctions that will stop the behavior, prevent its recurrence, and remedy the situation for the reporting party and the community.

POST-INVESTIGATION REVIEW
The Title IX Investigator will review the investigative report, along with all information from the investigative file including, but not limited to, witness statements, communications, documents, and other evidence to verify that the investigation was thorough, reliable, and impartial.

If the Title IX Coordinator believes additional investigative measures are needed, they will send the investigative file back to the investigators for further work.

If the Title IX Coordinator determines that the investigation was conducted in a thorough, reliable, and impartial manner consistent with the University’s policies and procedures, they will send the investigative file to the Title IX Committee, for a determination of sanction(s).

DETERMINATION OF CASE
The Title IX Coordinator and the investigators will meet with each party separately to share the findings of the investigation. The investigators will walk each party through the investigation in detail, including what they learned from each party, from the witnesses, and from the evidence provided, and will outline the process they used to weigh all the materials (statements, evidence, etc.), their analysis, their final findings, and the recommended range of sanctions.

If the responding party is found not responsible, the case is closed. Either party may appeal this decision.

If the responding party is found responsible, both parties will have two (2) business days to review the investigative summary and prepare their final statement. Their final written statement will be added to the investigative file presented to the Title IX Committee for determination of sanctions.

POSSIBLE SANCTIONS
Student sanctions may include:

- Suspended conduct probation. Under suspended conduct probation, any further violation could result in conduct probation or a more severe penalty.
- Conduct probation. Conduct probation may prohibit student participation in campus
activities, such as extra-curricular activities, public performances, public office in student organizations, or participation in commencement or other official ceremonies. If the student does not comply with the terms of conduct probation, other sanctions may apply.

- Suspension from the University, with reinstatement dependent upon the fulfillment of stipulated conditions.
- Dismissal from the University.
- Sanctions may also include written warnings, mandatory participation in educational programs, restitution, or other actions appropriate to the offense.

Employee sanctions may include:
- Oral or written reprimand
- Transfers to a different area or other work restrictions
- Required training
- Demotion or reduction in pay
- Probation, restitution, or other actions appropriate to the offense
- Separation from the University

**DETERMINING SANCTIONS**
The names of the reporting party, responding party, and any witnesses will be redacted from the report sent to the Title IX Committee, but relevant power and departmental relationships will be noted in the report.

The Title IX Committee will review the investigative report along with the recommended range of sanctions and all information from the investigative file including, but not limited to, witness statements, communications, documents, and other evidence to verify that the investigation was thorough, reliable, and impartial, and consistent with the University’s policies and procedures.

If the responding party has filed counter charges against the reporting party, the Title IX Committee should review both investigative reports simultaneously. If the Title IX Committee believes additional investigative measures are needed, they will send the investigative file back to the investigators for further work.

The Title IX Committee will determine the appropriate sanction(s), based on the range recommended by the investigators.

Once the sanction has been finalized, the parties will be notified of the outcome in writing within two (2) working days.

**APPEAL PROCESS**

**REASONS FOR APPEAL**
Either the reporting party or the responding party may make an appeal request following the final determination of the case. Each party is granted one (1) opportunity for appeal. Appeals should be submitted to the Vice President for Student Life and Mission in writing within seven (7) business days of notification of outcome.
Appeals are not to be considered as “seeking a second opinion.” Rather they are intended to allow the University to reconsider elements that may have impacted the original decision sufficiently to impact the outcome of that decision.

Appeal requests may be made on the following grounds:
- An excessive or inappropriate sanction was given;
- Procedural errors or bias existed in the hearing that were sufficient enough to deny a fair hearing process;
- Lack of sufficient evidence to support the finding; and/or,
- Admission of new material or evidence that is not merely repetitive and was not present at the time of the initial hearing.

Appeal requests based solely on a person’s disagreement with the outcome of the investigation or a sanction decision does not meet the criteria for an appeal.

A request for an appeal does not necessarily mean that one will be granted.

All sanctions imposed, including but not limited to suspension, termination, removal from campus, or continued no-contact directives, will be in effect during the appeal process.

**EXECUTIVE APPELLATE COMMITTEE**
The Executive Appellate Committee is comprised of David Richardson Jr., Vice President for Student Life and Mission; Jodi Wagner, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement; Scott Ligman, Associate Vice President of Academic Administration; and Pedrito Maynard-Reid, Assistant to the President for Diversity. The Vice President for Student Life and Mission will chair the committee and is a non-voting member.

**APPEALS DETERMINATION**
When any party requests an appeal, the Executive Appellate Committee Chair will share, in writing, the appeal request with the other party(ies), who may file a response within three (3) business days and/or bring their own appeal on separate grounds. If new grounds are raised, the original appealing party will be permitted to submit a written response to these new grounds within three (3) business days. These responses or appeal requests will be shared with each party.

The Executive Appellate Committee will review the appeal request(s) and will decide within seven (7) business days if the appeal will be heard. This decision will be communicated to both parties in writing. If an appeal request is granted, the notice shall include the date, time, and location of the appeal hearing. Both parties will be notified at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

**APPELLATE HEARING PROCEDURE**
Where the Executive Appellate Committee finds that at least one of the grounds above is met by at least one party, additional principles governing the hearing of appeals will include the following:
- Decisions by the appeals panel are to be deferential to the original decision, making changes to the finding only where there is clear error and to the sanction only if there is a compelling justification to do so.
- Appeals are not intended to be full re-hearings (de novo) of the allegation. In most
cases, appeals are confined to a review of the written documentation or record of the investigation, and pertinent documentation regarding the grounds for appeal. An appeal is not an opportunity for appeals panelists to substitute their judgment for that of the original investigators merely because they disagree with the finding and/or sanctions.

- Appeals granted based on new evidence should normally be remanded to the investigators for reconsideration. Other appeals may be remanded at the discretion of the Executive Appellate Committee Chair or, in limited circumstances, heard by the Executive Appellate Committee.

- The Executive Appellate Committee will hear a statement from the appellant and ask any relevant questions, review the investigative report, question the investigators, review any new information, and call in any witnesses to questions. The appellee has the option to separately make a statement verbally or in writing.

- The Executive Appellate Committee Chair will confer with the appellate committee, and render a written decision on the appeal to all parties within three (3) business days of the resolution of the appeal.

- Where appeals result in no change to the finding or sanction, that decision is final. Where an appeal results in a new finding or sanction, that finding or sanction can be appealed one final time on the grounds listed above, and in accordance with these procedures.

- In cases where the appeal results in reinstatement to the University or resumption of privileges, all reasonable attempts will be made to restore the responding party to their prior status, recognizing that some opportunities lost may be irreparable in the short term.

**TIMELINE ESTIMATES FOR MAJOR STAGES OF THE PROCESS**

The summary below is meant to provide a rough timeline of what to expect when moving through the reporting, investigation, and resolution process.

Investigations will be conducted in reasonably prompt timeframes with a goal for resolution being 60 days from the initial report to the end of the investigation. Certain issues such as the point in the quarter when the incident is reported may result in prolonged investigations. For example, conducting interviews during breaks may be more challenging as students, faculty, or staff may be away. Every effort will be made to find resolution within the 60-day time frame. Should the incident also be investigated by local law enforcement; the campus process need not wait for the outcome of the criminal justice system process before making a final determination.

**STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**
There is no statute of limitations on reporting sexual misconduct. However, please be aware that services may be the most effective when incidents are reported immediately.
SECTION TEN:

PREVENTION & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Walla Walla University has several avenues for preventing issues of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct, and educating the Walla Walla University community. Some of the highlights are:

- Awareness and Educational Campaigns: The office of Residence Life and Housing conducts programs throughout the year on topics such as dating violence, sexual assault myths, making health choices, etc.
- The Title IX Coordinator, Jennifer Carpenter, and the Deputy Title IX Coordinators, Kristen Taylor and Annette Riebe, educate the campus employees on issues of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct. This includes how to report these issues and how to sensitively handle such reports.
- Educate new students on issues of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct, Walla Walla University’s sex discrimination and sexual misconduct policies, how to report, and resources available to them.
- Walla Walla University provides educational programs through workshops, programs, and educational materials that include primary prevention and awareness training for the Walla Walla University.
- Walla Walla University, in collaboration with Campus Clarity, provides to all incoming Freshmen and transfer students the “Think About It” educational primary prevention and awareness course that complies with student education requirements relating to sex discrimination and sexual misconduct under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1974 and section 308(a) of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Known as the “Campus SaVE Act”).
SECTION ELEVEN:

TRAINING

Walla Walla University is committed to ensuring all employees are trained in a trauma-informed approach to issues of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct. Training for faculty and staff on issues of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct is the responsibility of the Title IX Coordinator and the Deputy Title IX Coordinators. Employees are trained annually on what constitutes sex discrimination and sexual misconduct, their reporting responsibilities, how to handle reports with a trauma-informed approach and available campus resources. Likewise, any individual involved in investigating or adjudicating issues of sex discrimination/sexual misconduct undergoes training prior to engaging in such responsibilities. Trainings are conducted by the Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinators in collaboration with other professionals trained in sex discrimination and sexual misconduct issues.
### Section Twelve: Support Resources

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| **Portland**     | YWCA  
(503) 988-6400  
10305 E Bumside St,  
Portland, OR  
1-888-336-9591 | Adventist Health  
(503) 257-2500  
10123 SE Market St,  
Portland, OR | Providence Portland Medical Center  
(503) 215-1111  
4605 NE Glisan St,  
Portland, OR | Portland Police Bureau:  
East Precinct  
(503) 823-4800  
797 SE 106th Ave,  
Portland, OR |
| **Rosario**      | Skagit Domestic Violence and  
Sexual Assault Services  
(360) 299-1300  
1211 24th St,  
Anacortes, WA | Island Hospital  
(360) 424-4111  
1415 E Kincaid St,  
Mt. Vernon, WA | Skagit Valley Hospital  
(360) 293-4684  
1218 24th St,  
Anacortes, WA | Anacortes City Police Department  
(360) 293-4684  
1218 24th St,  
Anacortes, WA |
| **Missoula**     | YWCA of Missoula  
(406) 542-1944 or  
1-800-483-7358  
1130 W. Broadway  
Missoula, MT | St. Patrick Hospital  
(406) 543-7271  
500 W. Broadway St  
Missoula, MT | Community Medical Center  
(406) 728-4100  
2827 Fort Missoula Rd,  
Missoula, MT | Missoula Police Department  
(406) 552-6300  
425 Ryman St,  
Missoula, MT |
| **Billings**     | YWCA of Billings  
(406) 245-4472  
909 Wyoming Ave,  
Billings, MT | St. Vincent Healthcare  
(406) 657-7000  
1233 N. 30th St,  
Billings, MT | Billings Clinic Hospital  
(406) 238-2500  
2800 10th Avenue N,  
Billings, MT | Billings Police Department  
(406) 657-8460  
220 N 27th St,  
Billings, MT |
| **College Place**| YWCA of Walla Walla  
(509) 525-2570  
212 S 1st Ave,  
Walla Walla, WA | Providence St. Mary Medical Center  
(509) 525-3320  
401 W Poplar St,  
Walla Walla, WA | College Place Police Department  
(509) 525-7773  
623 S College Ave,  
College Place, WA 99324 |