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UNIVERSITY OPTIONS
You have the right to request interim safety measures at the university. Here are a few options that the university can consider based on the facts and circumstances of your particular situation:

- **No-contact order.** The university may impose a temporary “no-contact” order restricting contact between individuals during the course of an investigation.
- **Interim suspension.** If it is determined that an on-campus housing assignment is affecting your academic success, the university will assist you in adjusting that situation, to the extent possible. The university also reserves the right to adjust or cancel the housing contract of students who are found to have violated university policy or an off-campus living situation is no longer conducive to your academic success as a result of your experience, the university will assist you in finding appropriate on-campus accommodations at current student rates.

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- **Victim advocates available in Jackson County:**
  - Jackson County States Attorney’s Office, Murphysboro, Illinois, 618/687-7214.
  - Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Murphysboro, Illinois, 618/687-7380.
  - Carbondale Police Department, Carbondale, Illinois, 618/457-3200, ext. 447.
  - The Women’s Center, Carbondale, Illinois, 618/529-2324 or 800/334-2094.

For legal assistance with the process:
- **Domestic Violence Clinic, SIU School of Law, Carbondale, Illinois,** 618/536-4423.
- Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance, Illinois, 877/342-7891.

Health and support resources in the community:
- **Memorial Hospital of Carbondale** is a full-service medical center serving the Carbondale community that has a sexual assault nurse examiner on staff trained in the collection and preservation of evidence in cases of sexual assault.
- **The Carbondale Women’s Center** provides crisis support, advocacy, and legal assistance to men and women who are victims of gender-based violence. Contact information for the Women’s Center is listed above. Additional information regarding the Women’s Center may be found on its website: www.thewomensctr.org.

WHAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OR ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY?

The university will assist you with any victim of gender-based violence with accommodations in their academic and residence life. You may request:

- **Interim alteration of living arrangements.** It is determined that a student's academic success is affecting your academic success, the university will assist you in adjusting that situation, to the extent possible.
- **Modification of class and campus employment arrangements.** If it is determined that the most effective way to help ensure your academic success is to adjust one or more classes you are enrolled in, the university will assist you in minimizing the impact to your academic plans and goals.
- **Adjustment of student employment.** If you are no longer able to fulfill your assignment because of your experience, the university will assist you in exploring other potential options within the university, and may review the assigned duties of students who are found to have violated university policy.
- **No-cost academic support.** If it is determined that your experience has put your academic success in jeopardy, the university will provide academic support services at no cost to you.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ME?

OFFICE OF EQUITY AND COMPLIANCE
Woodly Hall, Room 478, C wing
618/453-4807
equality@siu.edu

CONFIDENTIAL ADVISOR
Rebecca Gorgon
Student Health Center, Room 120
374 E. Grand Ave.
618/453-4429

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
Student Health Center
374 E. Grand Ave.
618/453-3311

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
Student Health Center, Room 253
618/453-5371

PSYCHIATRIST
Student Health Center
374 E. Grand Ave.
618/453-4346

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Trueblood Hall
618/453-3771

Emergencies should dial 911

WOMEN’S CENTER (OFF CAMPUS)
618/453-3200

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE:
800/656-4673 (HOPE)
Additional information regarding SIU Carbondale, including the university’s policy on gender-based violence (sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking) may be found online at safe.siu.edu.

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If you are the victim of gender-based violence, including being a victim of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking, you have options. You may choose where, if and how to report the violations, and you may request university assistance and/or a Book and/or report the crime to the police unless you want them to. You may wish to report or act as a witness of gender-based violence, you may choose any of the following options:

**REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ONLY**
You may contact the police department directly to initiate a criminal investigation. They will collect important evidence that may be critical in a criminal process and assist you with seeking medical treatment. If you are a victim of gender-based violence, being a victim of sexual assault, the collection of evidence is critical and must be done in a timely manner. Evidence can help to determine what happened during the incident, how it happened and, possibly, who perpetrated the incident.

The sooner the evidence is collected, the more likely it is to be useful in an investigation. In a criminal investigation, evidence is stored for a period of time at the Illinois State Police Crime Lab, and it can be used if you choose to press charges either immediately or at a later date.

**WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT DURING A UNIVERSITY INVESTIGATION?**
When a report is made to the university, the Office of Equity and Compliance (OEC) will be notified and the complaint resolution procedures will be enacted. An investigator from OEC will contact the person who initiated the report for an interview to discuss the incident, as well as refer that person to available resources.

The reporting party will have the opportunity to request the complaint procedures begin in a prompt and transparent manner. An investigator will complete a report that decides to proceed with an administrative investigation or if the university determines it must investigate based on the potential ongoing threat to the campus community, the investigator will document the complaint in writing and notify the respondent (accused) of the investigation.

The respondent will be made aware of available resources and have the opportunity to read the complaint and respond. Both parties will be asked to submit names of potential witnesses and any relevant written evidence.

OEC may also independently identify witnesses and other evidence. Witnesses will be interviewed and any available written evidence will be reviewed. The investigator will write a report of the investigation and submit it to the Office of Equity and Compliance. Campus personnel must maintain accurate statistical data on crimes that occur on university property and they must report this information anonymously as aggregate data to the federal government and campus community. This information for the university is collected by the Jeanne Clery Act compliance officer.

**WHAT IF I WANT NOT THE UNIVERSITY TO INVESTIGATE?**
If you are a victim of gender-based violence, you may request that the university not investigate the case even after it has been reported to the Office of Equity and Compliance. Campus personnel must maintain accurate statistical data on crimes that occur on university property and they must report this information anonymously as aggregate data to the federal government and campus community. This information for the university is collected by the Jeanne Clery Act compliance officer.

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Except for the Confidential Advisor, or the medical staff members of Student Health Services, all other faculty and staff members are required to disclose information on gender-based violence issues that may affect the social welfare of Equity and Compliance. After any such report, you may be contacted by an investigator to discuss the report as the university would like to investigate and prevent any additional gender-based crimes. Under the Jeanne Clery Act, campus personnel must maintain accurate statistical data on crimes that occur on university property and they must report this information anonymously as aggregate data to the federal government and campus community. However, the Office for the university is collected by the Jeanne Clery Act compliance officer.

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**HOW DO I ASSIST IN AN INVESTIGATION OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE?**
**REPORT PROMPTLY:** The sooner the university receives a report of gender-based violence, the easier it is to investigate and provide support to a victim of gender-based violence. We police department everyone to report any acts of gender-based violence.

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