INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE RESOURCE GUIDE

THE DISTRICT’S RESPONSE TO REPORTED INCIDENTS

If you report to the school and the accused individual is affiliated with the school, the District’s Title IX Coordinator will determine the appropriate response, which may include informal options such as mediation or facilitated dialogue, or which may include an investigation conducted in accordance with District policies and procedures. Violent behavior will not be mediated.

Where it is determined that a violation of school policy occurred, the District will impose appropriate sanctions, up to and including expulsion of students and termination of employees. In addition, the Title IX Coordinator will determine whether interim protective measures should be implemented pending any determination. Retaliation against anyone making a report or participating in the school’s resolution process is prohibited.
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

The following steps are available to you. When you seek help from professionals, first ask what their confidentiality is, and who they are required to tell if you were to disclose intimate partner violence. In some cases, professionals may be obligated to report to the police. Inquiring about these obligations can ensure you can make an informed decision.

1. If you are unsafe, change locations and seek assistance. In an emergency, call 911 for an immediate police response.

2. If you have injuries from physical assault or unwanted sexual activity, please consider getting medical attention.
   On-campus Student Health Services:
   City College (619) 388-3450
   Mesa College (619) 388-2774
   Miramar College (619) 388-7881

3. Consider contacting free, confidential supportive resources for help sorting out your options.
   On-campus
   Mental Health Counseling Services for Students
   City College.................... (619) 388-3539
   Mesa College............... (619) 388-2774
   Miramar College.............. (619) 388-7881

   Counseling services for employees are available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at (888) 625-4809.

4. Consider reporting the incident to law enforcement or to the District’s Title IX coordinator, or to both.
   If you would like assistance reporting an incident to law enforcement, the Title IX Coordinator can assist you.
   SDCCD Police Department: (619) 388-6405
   San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000
   The District’s Title IX Coordinator: (619) 388-6660

5. Preserve evidence.
   Evidence can be important in obtaining a protective order, or in any current or future police action.
   Preserve text messages, voice mail messages, photos and any other physical evidence.

6. Seek accommodations to work or school as necessary.
   The District will make every effort to accommodate the victim when it is reasonable to do so, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to law enforcement. Contact the Title IX Coordinator for assistance.

7. Consult with an advocate on safety planning.
   A safety plan can help you lower your risk of being hurt by an abuser, strategize the safest way to respond to intimate partner violence, and help you safely prepare to leave a dangerous or unhealthy relationship. For help with risk assessment and safety planning, contact the Center for Community Solutions. Phone (888) 385-4637; http://www.ccssd.org/

DISTRICT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following District policies and procedures guide the District’s response to a reported incident:

- BP 3100 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Administrative Due Process
- AP 3100.2 Student Disciplinary Procedures
- BP 3410 Nondiscrimination
- AP 3410 Nondiscrimination
- BP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment
- AP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment
- AP 3435 Discrimination and Harassment Investigations
- BP 3540 Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus
- AP 3540 Sexual Assaults on Campus

Available for review at: http://www.sdccd.edu/public/district/policies/

PROTECTIVE ORDERS

A domestic violence restraining order is a court order that helps protect people from abuse or threats of abuse from someone they have a close relationship with. You can ask for a domestic violence restraining order if a person has abused (or threatened to abuse) you AND you have a close relationship with that person, such as you are married or registered domestic partners, divorced or separated, dating or used to date, living together or used to live together (more than roommates), or are parents together of a child.

Civil harassment restraining orders and workplace violence restraining orders are also available. For complete info about these protective orders and a description of each, see: http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-domesticviolence.htm

SAFETY ESCORT

A safety escort service is available 24 hours a day to and from any point on campus; contact the San Diego Community College District Police Department at (619) 388-6405.