

## DEFINITIONS

Generally, intimate partner violence is defined as abuse or threats of abuse when the person being abused and the abuser are or have been in an intimate relationship (married or domestic partners, are dating or used to date, live or lived together, or have a child together). Abuse may be threats to harm, sexual assault, other physical assault, or property damage. Domestic violence often is a pattern of abusive behavior intended to control someone, and may include emotional, verbal and psychological abuse.

Domestic and dating violence are defined one way under the law, and another way by the school.

## SCHOOL DEFINITIONS

**Domestic Violence** – A crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

**Dating Violence** – Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

### Legal Definition

The definition of domestic violence under California law can be found in Family Code Section 6211: [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=FAM&sectionNum=6211](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=FAM&sectionNum=6211).

## INTRODUCTION

The San Diego Community College District is committed to providing a safe and equitable learning and working environment for all students and employees, free from sex-based or gender-based misconduct.

Intimate partner violence (dating violence and domestic violence) may violate the Student Code of Conduct or Human Resources policies. When based on the sex or gender of the victim, it may also violate the District policies on discrimination and harassment.

Any incident of intimate partner violence may be reported directly to the school's Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator can assist the victim by identifying sources of support and advocacy, reporting to the police if that is desired, navigating classes or work at the District, providing information about protective measures, and overseeing a school resolution process.

### Title IX Coordinator Title IX Office

Chris May  
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(619) 388-6805

3375 Camino del Rio South,  
Suite 275  
San Diego, CA 92108-3883

## 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.



# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

# RESOURCE GUIDE



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## 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.

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

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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

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**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.

### Off-campus

San Diego - Center for Community Solutions (can assist with counseling, legal advocacy, emergency shelter and transitional housing, and obtaining a restraining order) (888) 385-4637; <http://www.ccssd.org/>

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233); <http://www.thehotline.org/>

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**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:  
Chris May; [cmay@sdccd.edu](mailto:cmay@sdccd.edu); (619) 388-6805

### Preserve evidence.

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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.

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**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.

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**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.