



Allen University Policy on Sexual Assault/Harassment

Allen University strives to maintain an environment in which the dignity and self-worth of all members of the educational community are respected. It prohibits sexual harassment of employees or students and sexual assault on employees or students. Sexual harassment can be directed at a person of the same or opposite sex. Behaviors considered as sexual harassment include: unwelcomed sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, language, graphic material, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Students who believe that they have been harassed or need advice as to what constitutes sexual harassment should immediately contact the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Life. Sexual assault in any form including stranger rape, date rape, gang rape or acquaintance rape will not be tolerated. Inquiries concerning sexual assault or sexual harassment will be treated as a formal complaint and an investigation will follow. Confidentiality will be respected for those making inquiry. Allen University will investigate all complaints expeditiously and professionally. Where investigations confirm the allegations, appropriate corrective action will be taken. Students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action which may include counseling, disciplinary probation, suspension, expulsion, and referral to the proper law enforcement authorities for prosecution. A student charged with sexual assault and/or harassment can be prosecuted under South Carolina criminal statutes and disciplined for violating the Allen University Student Code of Conduct.

Allen University encourages all members of the University community to be aware of both consequences of sexual assault and the options available to victims/survivors. For more information, contact the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Life at (803) 376-5794. The University encourages reporting all incidents of sexual assault to Campus Police at (803) 223-4544. For other resources and assistance, contact the Counseling Center at (803) 376-5802.