



If you or someone you know has been hurt by sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, **Westminster College is here to help. You have the right to live, learn, and/or work in a safe and welcoming environment.** Violence is unacceptable, and College policy prohibits sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This document outlines steps to take depending on what services you want or need.

Unsure of where to start?

You may want more information or to talk to someone confidentially as you decide what you'd like to do moving forward. You can access crisis counseling, information, and support by connecting with the resources listed in this document.

First Steps: Things to Consider

Are you in danger?

If yes, call 911.

Public Safety can also provide support by calling at 724-946-7777. We can provide an escort to a safe location.

Do you need medical attention?

You can receive medical attention at any medical facility; however, certain facilities have specially-trained staff to help survivors of sexual assault. The following locations have sexual assault nurse examiners:

UPMC JAMESON 1211 Wilmington Ave., New Castle, PA 16105 @ 724-658-9001.

Sharon Regional 740 East State St., Sharon, PA 16146 @ 724-983-3911

Mercy Hospital 8401 Market St., Youngstown, OH 44512 @ 330-729-2929

ARISE Advocates can answer basic questions about SANE exams and accompany or transport you to the hospital: 724-652-9036.

It is important to preserve evidence that may be useful in obtaining a protection order or in proceeding with a criminal investigation should you choose to do so. Completing a forensic exam does not require you to file a police report or report to the institution, although we encourage these reports if you are comfortable doing so. Forensic evidence can be collected for up to 72 hours after the incident.

Medical exams can also address other physical needs or trauma and assess for sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy.

If possible, please do not bathe, douche, smoke, use the toilet or clean the location where the incident occurred. Save items you were wearing, sheets, or towels in a paper bag. Text messages, records of phone calls, emails, pictures, notes, and gifts can all be pertinent for a report of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking.

Your immediate and long-term safety is what's most important. The resources and options outlined below may be helpful as you decide what next steps are a good fit for you.

Confidential Resources on Campus

ARISE Advocates: Wellness Center, lower level Shaw Hall / on call 24 hours / 724-652-9036 / advocacy@ariselc.org

Wellness Center Counselors: Wellness Center, lower level Shaw Hall / M - F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm / 724-946-7928

Pastoral Counselor: Second Floor McKelvey Campus Center / on call 24 hours / 724-813-5894

Quick Guide: Available Resources

If you experience Interpersonal Violence- Sexual Assault, Dating or Domestic Violence, or Stalking- help is available on your campus and in your community.

ADVOCACY SERVICES	TITLE IX	PUBLIC SAFETY	LAW ENFORCEMENT
Offered on-campus in partnership with Arise	Title IX governs policies and procedures for gender-based harassment, which includes interpersonal violence.	Public Safety Officers provide safety and security services 24/7 to the campus community.	Sexual Assault, Dating/Domestic Violence, and Stalking are crimes. NWPD Officers are here to help.
Share your story and receive support.	File a formal complaint and begin the grievance process.	Get immediate help in an emergency.	Get immediate help in an emergency.
Learn more about your campus conduct, legal, medical, and counseling options.	Receive supportive measures.	Report the incident to an officer.	Talk to an officer about pressing charges and the investigation process.
Contact Information: advocacy@ariselc.org 24/7 Hotline: 724-652-9036	Title IX Coordinator: Gina Vance vancegm@westminster.edu 724-946-7114	Contact Information: Emergency: 724-946-7777 Non-Emergency: marsbj@westminster.edu 724-946-6216	Contact Information: Emergency: 9-1-1 Non-Emergency: info@nwboro.com 724-946-8111
Services are Confidential: Your information will not be shared with anyone.	Private: Your information may be shared with people who need it to begin the grievance process.*	Private: Your information may be shared with people who need it to begin the grievance process.*	Private: Your information may be shared with people who need it to work the case.

*Note: There are rare occasions where the College may pursue a case, even if that is not what you wish to do. Please talk with an Advocate first if this is a concern to you.



If You Need Medical Attention

On Campus Services:

- Wellness Center
- 724-946-7928
- Lower Level Shaw Hall
- 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
- Illness / Injury care and follow up; monthly reproductive health care clinic for exams, contraception and STI testing; and referral to community health care providers and services

Off Campus Services:

- UPMC Jameson: EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
- 724-658-9001
- 1211 Wilmington Ave., New Castle, PA 16105
- Open 24 hours per day
- Sexual Assault or Abuse (SAFE); Trauma caused by violence, STDs, health emergencies of all kinds
- Arise can provide transportation to the hospital from a safe location. Call 724-652-9036

Making a Report

You may choose to report to law enforcement, you may choose to report to us through our on-line form, you may report to both, or may choose to access neither of these options. Westminster College will protect your identity in publicly available information, such as within our annual security report or in warnings sent to the campus community. You also can access the accommodations listed below regardless of where you choose to report and we will keep these accommodations confidential as well, as long as it does not limit our ability to provide them to you. If we would need to share information in order to provide an accommodation, we would notify you of what information needs to be shared, why, and with whom prior to sharing the information.

On Campus

There are people on and off campus who can support you in reporting to law enforcement if you choose to do so.

You can contact **ARISE Advocates** at 724-652-9036. They can assist you in notifying law enforcement and can help connect you to other people and resources on our campus.

Regardless of whether or not you report to the police, you can report to the College by contacting:

During regular business hours:
Dean of Students Office / Title IX Coordinator
724-946-7114

Reporting website:
www.westminster.edu/campus/services/title-ix/index.cfm

Please see the **campus disciplinary** process section for more information on pursuing an investigation under campus policy.

Law Enforcement

In an emergency, dial 911.

If you want to contact NEW WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT directly, you can do so by calling

724-946-8111

Please note that what law enforcement agency to report to can vary depending on the specifics of your case, but we can help you figure out where to go and will assist you in reporting to law enforcement.

Many survivors find law enforcement to be a great resource. Others choose not to report to law enforcement. We always encourage reporting, but know that only you can determine if doing so is the right decision for you.

Regardless of whether or not you report to the police, there are campus options, including resolution through the College process, available to you.

Orders Of Protection

You can also access orders of protection within our state as well as within the institution. Depending on the nature of the incident, Westminster College may be able to issue a **no contact order** to prevent contact between two individuals through the **Title IX Coordinator**.

To request a no contact order, please contact Gina Vance at 724-946-7114.

The following Civil Protection Orders are available in Pennsylvania: **A Sexual Violence Protection Order (SVPO)**, **Protection from Abuse Order (PFA)** and **Protection from Intimidation (PFI)**. ARISE Advocates will help you understand and file such orders. 724-652-9036.

Requesting Accommodation & SUPPORTIVE MEASURES

Regardless of whether you choose to report to local police, there are specific options available to you, if requested and reasonably available. These options and who to contact to access them are outlined below.

Area Requiring Assistance

Living accommodations

Academic accommodations

Transportation accommodations

Working accommodations

Additional protective measures, including an institutional "no contact" order, which is enforceable through Title IX

Who/How to Contact

Title IX Coordinator: 724-946-7114 or vancegm@westminster.edu

Campus Disciplinary Process: Rights & Options

To make a report against a student OR employee contact: [web link](#)

You have the right to:

- A prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result (completed within the timeframes laid out by our policy in a manner that is transparent, provides timely notice of meetings and equal access to information to both the complainant and the respondent, and conducted by officials without a conflict of interest or bias for either party that receive annual training on how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability)
- Have others present during any institutional disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by an advisor of your choice*
- Notification, in writing, of:
 - » The result of any institutional disciplinary proceeding from your report of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
 - » The institution's procedures to appeal the results
 - » Any change to the results
 - » When the result become final*

*Also afforded to the respondent

Please see our website for an overview of the Grievance Process:
www.westminster.edu/campus/services/title-ix/grievance-procedures.cfm

The Title IX Coordinator can answer any questions you have about the Grievance Process:
vancegm@westminster.edu or 724-946-7114

ARISE Advocates can also help you navigate the Title IX Grievance Process: advocacy@ariselc.org or 724-652-9036