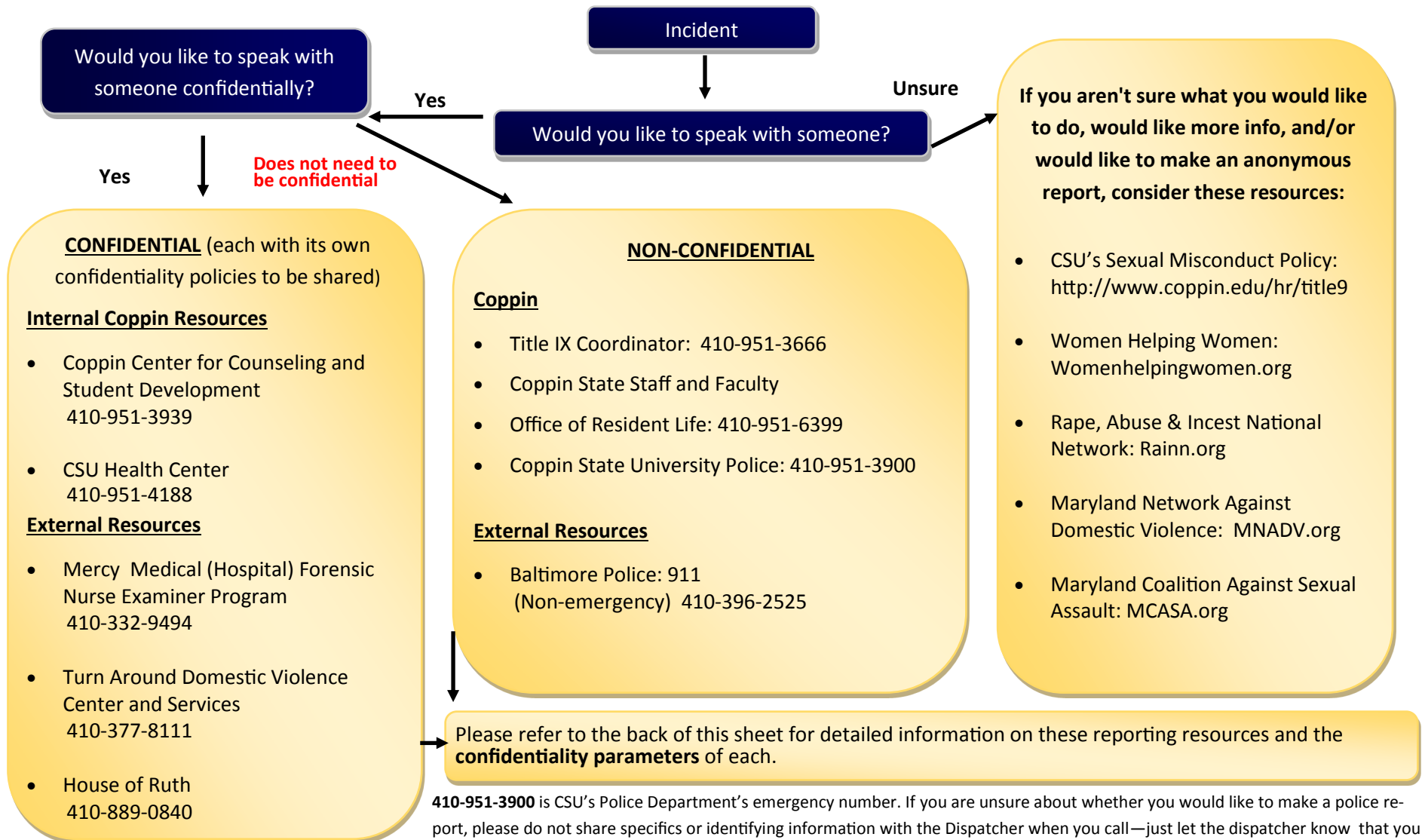




Gender-Based & Sexual Misconduct Reporting and Support Options for Students

Gender-based and sexual misconduct prohibited by Coppin includes, but is not limited to, sexual assault, rape, sexual harassment, dating violence, and stalking. A detailed list and description can be found in the **“Sexual Misconduct Policy”** at <http://www.coppin.edu/hr/title9>. You may speak with any of the resources below at any time—**reporting is always an option**. Choosing one path does not exclude other options. Pursue the option(s) that you feel will be the most helpful for you and your recovery.



Reporting Gender Based & Sexual Misconduct at Coppin State University: Options and Confidentiality Considerations

Title IX Coordinator

The TIXC will investigate what has happened, including talking with you, the accused person, and other witnesses. The TIXC's role is to stop the conduct, prevent its recurrence, and address any effects it has had. During the investigation, he/she can assist you with safety, housing and academic concerns. If you request that the TIXC not take further steps with an investigation, that request will be honored to the extent possible. If the report raises significant safety concerns for you and other members of Coppin's community, he/she may need to initiate further investigation and/or other action steps in response to the report. In these rare cases, the TIXC will keep you informed and take all reasonable steps to keep your name confidential. Factors considered when evaluating a request for confidentiality include the seriousness of the alleged conduct, ages of parties, history of complaints about the accused, and the accused person's right to receive information about the allegations.

Coppin State Staff & Faculty (including student employees)

Most employees are required to report to the TIXC what they learn of a gender based and sexual misconduct. He or she will provide information and resources to individual disclosing and can help connect you to a confidential source.

Residential Life Staff (RA, Hall Director, Staff)

Staff will contact an Advocate immediately so that he or she can review reporting options and provide information about the program's services. Staff will share what you have reported with Title IX Coordinator.

Coppin State University Police

CSU will address urgent safety and medical needs: determine whether it will investigate based on facts presented; explain the criminal investigation process; and initiate a criminal investigation. CSUPD will share what you have reported with the Title IX Coordinator (TIXC). If you request that CSUPD not initiate an investigation, CSUPD will honor that request to the extent possible. If the report raises significant safety concerns for you and/or other members of Coppin's community, CSUPD may need to initiate an investigation on its own. All reasonable steps will be taken to protect your privacy if this is necessary. They may also need to share the information with Baltimore Police if they believe a felony has been committed. In this case, your request that no criminal investigation take place will also be shared. In rare circumstances, local police may need to contact you for more information and/or initiate an investigation on their own.

Baltimore Police

Local police will address urgent safety and medical needs; determine whether it will investigate based on facts presented; explain the criminal investigation process to you; and initiate a criminal investigation. CSU Police and local police may work together on incidents reported by Coppin students, faculty and staff. Reporting to police and allowing them to investigate as soon as possible provides the best opportunity to preserve and collect evidence to evaluate whether a crime has been committed. Before reporting to local police, ask your advocate to find out their policies on investigating when the reporting party requests that no investigation be initiated.

Clergy, Professional Counselor, Psychologist, Social Worker, Doctor

Your communication with these individuals is privileged, which means they cannot share the information without your written permission. The person must *be acting in the professional capacity* that creates the privilege in order for it to apply. Communications with clergy will be considered confidential in a setting in which an individual is seeking spiritual or moral guidance or counseling. If you are unsure whether you would like to report to one or more of the other reporting resources here, a conversation with one of these professionals may be helpful because they do not have a duty to the Title IX Coordinator.

Mercy Medical (Hospital) Forensic Nurse Examiner Program

A Mercy Medical Forensic Nurse is trained to collect evidence suitable for use in criminal, civil and administrative hearings. If you believe that you have been sexually assaulted it is best to have a forensic nurse exam as soon as possible and not to bathe, shower, change clothes, use the bathroom, douche, smoke or brush your teeth after to preserve existing evidence. Even if these actions have been taken an exam can still be performed up to 96 hours (barring special conditions determined by Mercy Forensic Nursing Staff) and evidence may be present. CSU Police is available to transport victims of sexual assault to University Hospital—a police report is not required to access this service. A forensic nurse exam is free of charge. More information is available at 410-332-9494 or <http://www.bmoresafemercy.org/aboutus.html>.

Turn Around Domestic Violence Center and Services

Offers a confidential 24 hour hotline and support services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

House of Ruth

House of Ruth's 24/7 hotline is a confidential lifeline to victims in need. Counselors are trained in crisis intervention, safety planning, counseling and legal referrals, and pro-active advocacy to victims, as well as their families, friends, and the community in general.