

# RESPONDING TO A DISCLOSURE OF SEXUAL HARM OR FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY A STUDENT

## Guide for UWA staff and student leaders



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**ENSURE IMMEDIATE SAFETY**

See reverse for full service information and contact details.

A student discloses sexual harm or family and domestic violence

Is anyone in immediate danger or requiring medical help?

**YES**

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

Emergency Services: 000  
UWA Security: 6488 2222 (on campus)  
SafeZone App

**NO**

Does the disclosure relate to sexual assault in the past 14 days?

**YES**

**Sexual Assault Resource Centre:**

- Open 24/7, 365 days
  - Forensic and medical support
  - Counselling
  - Connect with Police (if desired)
- P | 6458 1828 / 1800 199 888

**NO**

Does the person need safety, wellbeing, or academic support from the University?

**YES**

**Student Wellbeing Team**

- Specialist support
- Safety planning
- Academic adjustments
- Care coordination
- Explain reporting options

E | disclosure@uwa.edu.au  
T | 6488 2423

**NO**

If the person like to make a report?

**EXTERNAL OPTIONS**

**YES**

Report to **WA Police**  
T | 131 444

Report to the **Equal Opportunity Commission**  
T | 9216 3927

**UWA OPTIONS**

**Integrity and Standards Unit**  
T | 6488 8547

**WELLBEING SUPPORT**

**REPORTING OPTIONS**

# REFERRAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

## ENSURE IMMEDIATE SAFETY

### IF SOMEONE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER OR REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION:

#### Emergency Services

24/7 emergency line **000**  
Police, Fire or Ambulance Services

#### UWA Security

24/7 Crawley campus emergencies **6488 2222**  
**SMS 0438 739 744**

ACTIVATE THE EMERGENCY ICON IN YOUR SAFEZONE APP FROM ANY CAMPUS

### FOR AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE PAST 14 DAYS:

#### Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)

24/7 emergency line **T | 6458 1828 or 1800 199 888**

- Free and confidential service available to those over 13 years.
- Team of female doctors, and male and female counsellors.
- Immediate, emergency assistance including medical, forensic and counselling support, up to 2 weeks after a sexual assault.
- Can support a person's decision to involve Police (optional).
- Free, specialist counselling also available related to historical sexual assault or abuse (wait periods may apply).

## WELLBEING SUPPORT

#### UWA Student Wellbeing

W | [uwa.edu.au/students/support-services](http://uwa.edu.au/students/support-services)  
E | [disclosure@uwa.edu.au](mailto:disclosure@uwa.edu.au) T | **6488 2423**

- First point of contact for students impacted by sexual assault, harassment or family and domestic violence
- Making a disclosure is different to making a report.
- Confidential wellbeing support and safety planning.
- Provide support with academic matters.
- Fast-track referral to other services, such as counselling.
- Provide information about possible options for reporting or making a complaint.

#### UWA The Living Room

DROP-IN HOURS | Monday-Friday, 11:00am-4:00pm

REID LIBRARY POP-UP | Thursday, 5-7:00pm

- A peer led drop-in student wellbeing space.
- Peer Supporters are available to provide help to students.
- No appointment required.

#### UWA Medical Centre

W | [uwa.edu.au/medical-centre](http://uwa.edu.au/medical-centre) T | **6488 2118**

- Provide confidential, accredited medical care, urgent mental health care. Male or female doctors available.
- Bulk-billed for domestic students, direct-billed to OSHC for international students with Medibank.
- Provide testing for pregnancy and STIs.

#### UWA Counselling and Psychological Service

W | [uwa.edu.au/students/Support-services](http://uwa.edu.au/students/Support-services)  
• Counselling sessions to assist with concerns, issues or everyday events  
• Free and confidential  
• Book online

#### UWA Guild Student Assist Department

W | [uwastudentguild.com/get-support](http://uwastudentguild.com/get-support) T | **6488 2292**  
E | [assist@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:assist@guild.uwa.edu.au)

- Provide free, independent and professional support and advocacy to any enrolled UWA student.
- Counselling appointments available.
- Support with academic and welfare issues (Eg. deferred exams, academic misconduct).
- Provide emergency financial assistance, interest-free loans and food pantry.
- Support through the report/complaint process.

#### 1800RESPECT

W | [1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au) T | **1800 737 732**

- National sexual assault, domestic family violence counselling service.
- Language interpreter available.
- Provide 24/7 support via telephone, online chat, or directory of registered face-to-face services.
- Support for affected individuals, perpetrators or carers.

## REPORTING OPTIONS

UWA encourages individuals to report incidents that may constitute a criminal offence to Police in the first instance.

#### UWA Integrity and Standards Unit (ISU)

W | [web.uwa.edu.au/university/complaints](http://web.uwa.edu.au/university/complaints)  
T | **6488 8547/7986/1976 or 0400 890 879**  
E | [integrityandstandards@uwa.edu.au](mailto:integrityandstandards@uwa.edu.au)

- Anyone who experiences sexual misconduct can make a report or complaint about a member of the UWA Community. ISU receive, investigate and resolve reports and complaints related to the UWA community. All personal information is handled in line with the Australian Privacy Principles.
- Reporting options available:
  1. Online portal
  2. By phone
  3. In writing via email
  3. In person by appointment

#### WA Police

W | [police.wa.gov.au/your-safety/sexual-assault](http://police.wa.gov.au/your-safety/sexual-assault)  
T | **131 444**

- When a person reports a sexual assault they will be offered free and confidential counselling services.
- If the person chooses not to take action, reporting the assault still helps Police to record the crime which may assist with future investigations.
- No action will be taken to investigate without the affected person's permission.

#### Equal Opportunity Commission

W | [eoc.wa.gov.au](http://eoc.wa.gov.au) T | **9216 3927** E | [eoc@eoc.wa.gov.au](mailto:eoc@eoc.wa.gov.au)

- Investigate and endeavour to conciliate allegations of discrimination based on the Equal Opportunity Act.