

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Q: Does information about a complaint remain private?

SD Mines will support a person's desire to keep a complaint confidential, except when that request interferes with SD Mines' duty to provide a safe environment. Information will be handled with the utmost care and limit disclosure on a need to know basis.

### Q: Do I have to name the alleged offender?

It is the individual's choice to identify the alleged offender. If seeking a formal complaint or disciplinary action, the alleged offender must be named.

### Q: Where can I confidentially report an incident?

Individuals have several confidential campus and community resources available to them. At SD Mines, the Counseling office and Campus Ministries are considered confidential resources. In the Rapid City area, WAVI provides confidential support and advocacy.

### Q: What is SD Mines' policy on sexual harassment and sexual assault?

SD Mines' policies prohibits sexual violence, including sexual assault, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct, including incapacitation for sexual purposes, sexual exploitation and relationship violence. It also prohibits other forms of discrimination, stalking and retaliation.

### Q: Where can I find out about additional resources and information about Title IX?

More resources, including information about campus and community resources, procedures, policies and reporting can be found on the SD Mines Title IX website: [www.sdsmt.edu/titleix](http://www.sdsmt.edu/titleix).

### Q: Where can I report anonymously?

You can report an incident of sexual misconduct or sexual violence anonymously through the Advocate Online Reporting System at [studentconduct.sdsmt.edu](http://studentconduct.sdsmt.edu).

## CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

Information shared with counseling staff and campus ministries is confidential. No information will be shared unless a student agrees to have their case information released. The following is the contact information for the SD Mines Counseling Office:

Phone: **605.394.6988**  
Email: **Counseling@sdsmt.edu**

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WAVI Sexual Assault Hotline: **605.341.2046**  
Suicide Prevention Hotline: **1.800.273.TALK**  
Crisis Care Center (24 Hour): **605.391.4863**

"There is someone to help you."



Title IX Office  
Human Resources  
501 E. Saint Joseph Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
605.394.1203



Title IX  
at SD Mines

# SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The South Dakota School of Mines is an institution where students should feel respected and safe. Mines staff are committed to ensuring students have a quality learning environment. Student programming reflects a commitment to raising awareness about sexual harassment and promoting healthy relationships. The resources, links, and suggestions on these pages are meant to assist students.

[www.sdsmt.edu/TitleIX](http://www.sdsmt.edu/TitleIX)

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

If you are in danger, please call

**911**

OR

**CAMPUS SAFETY**

**605.394.6100**

### Steps if you have been assaulted:

**01**

Contact a safe person such as a friend, Campus Counseling Services, or the Ministerial Community to assist you.

**02**

If this is immediately following a sexual assault, please do not shower or “clean up.” While this is a natural impulse, your health and safety are paramount. Get checked. Medical examiners and forensics experts can use evidence from an assault to prosecute perpetrators. You can decide to use the evidence or not later but it can be stored now. If you do “clean up,” there may still be evidence that can be collected.

## REPORTING

If you feel you have been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence, you are strongly encouraged to seek help. Before enlisting help from university staff, please note that different staff may have different roles with regard to reporting. Mines staff are committed to and concerned about student safety. Action can and will be taken to help the victims avoid contact with the alleged perpetrators.

Campus resources are available to students; university staff are mandatory reporters.

<b>Student Conduct</b>	<b>605.394.2348</b>
<b>Dean of Students</b>	<b>605.394.2416</b>
<b>Campus Safety</b>	<b>605.394.6100</b>
<b>Title IX Coordinator/HR</b>	<b>605.394.1203</b>

You may report to faculty, staff, and resident assistants. These staff are also mandatory reporters. Information about underage alcohol or drug use related to the complaint will not be used to discipline the victim.

### ADVOCATE **ONLINE** REPORTING:

You can report an incident of sexual harassment or sexual violence through the student Advocate Online Reporting. Student advocate reporting can be made anonymously if the student chooses not to disclose certain details. Report at:

[studentconduct.sdsmt.edu](http://studentconduct.sdsmt.edu)

### Steps if you have been assaulted (cont):

**03**

All victims of sexual assaults are assisted by trained medical staff through Regional Health Systems, and Working Against Violence, Inc. (WAVI) volunteers are available to help victims through their trauma.

**04**

You may wish to write down details of your assault. Be as thorough and descriptive as possible. If you can, make clothing and other items available to law enforcement.