



Sexual assault
response
and support
services in
Missoula.





Sexual assault is a brutal crime that can have long-lasting emotional and physical effects. Sexual assaults occur between individuals who are the same sex, married or dating, having consensual sex, just acquaintances and strangers. Sexual assault can range from unwanted touch to violent rape.

This booklet provides information about the experienced professionals in the Missoula community and at the University of Montana, offering accessible services, and explains the normal reactions after an assault. Advocates, nurses, therapists, law enforcement and 911 work together to provide support and review the options and steps to take after being sexually assaulted. People who get support following an assault heal more quickly.

Whether you were violated last night, last month or last year, you can find help. Please, call 911 or any of the agencies listed in this guide to begin.

You are not alone.

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Common Reactions

Sexual assault is a traumatic experience. Survivors of all genders may experience a range of feelings and reactions from immediately after the assault, long into the future.

The reactions listed below are common feelings to experience given the trauma of sexual assault. Hold compassion for yourself as best as you can and give yourself permission to feel and work through these feelings with a trusted person(s). You won't always feel this way, and there are people who can help.

Shocked or Numb

You might not know how to feel, or the situation might seem unreal. You may wonder, did that really happen? Or think that sexual assault happens to others, not to me.

Guilt or Self-blame

You might feel guilt or self-blame about how you acted before you were sexually assaulted, but it is important to know that nothing you did caused the assault. The person who violated and assaulted you is responsible.

Anger

You could feel anger towards yourself, the person responsible, friends, family or the people helping. Feeling your anger can be liberating when done safely.

Fear or Anxiety

You could experience fear and anxiety regarding your safety, being judged by others, trusting the legal system or worrying about pregnancy or sexually transmitted infections. The resources in this guide can help you address these concerns.

Difficulties with Trust

You may find it challenging to trust intimate partners, family, friends or people in positions of power. Don't isolate yourself. Share what is going on for you.

Out of Control

Survivors report feeling out of control. You might experience flashbacks, nightmares, mood swings, nausea, difficulty sleeping, wanting to shower often, a lack of appetite and/or overeating. Developing routines, establishing a self-care practice, and sharing your feelings can help you feel some control.

Avoidance

You might avoid going out and interacting with others, visiting specific places or engaging in activities. It might be difficult to track or manage your emotions, which can lead to numbing and avoiding feelings through alcohol, drugs, gambling, doom-scrolling, etc. Try not to judge yourself. It can prolong the feelings and negative coping behaviors. There are people who understand what you are going through. Reach out.

"Healing is a process with good and bad days. But for every bad day I have now, I have 10, 20, 30 good ones."

“

Phoenix

From *Stepping Out of the Shadows: A Book about True Healing from Sexual Violence*

Strategies to Feel Better

Since sexual assault is an experience of having your control taken away, regaining control where you can helps healing begin. Discussing your experiences, connecting with support systems, seeing a therapist and exploring other coping strategies can help you feel empowered.

Self-care strategies

- ◆ Have patience and self-compassion —judging yourself prolongs pain.
- ◆ Avoid isolation. Seek out support from people who are important to you
- ◆ Write or draw how you are feeling.
- ◆ Develop a routine to help provide a sense of stability and safety.
- ◆ Get plenty of rest and make time for relaxation and fun.
- ◆ Move your body like walking or exercising. Trauma gets stored in our bodies, and movement helps release it.
- ◆ Talk with a trusted friend, counselor or family member.
- ◆ Listen to music.
- ◆ Connect with other survivors for support.
- ◆ Read a book or listen to a podcast.
- ◆ Try a meditation app.
- ◆ Garden.
- ◆ Cook a nice meal.
- ◆ Try yoga, aromatherapy, or a warm bath to relax.
- ◆ Volunteer.
- ◆ Spend time with pets.
- ◆ Take deep breaths.
- ◆ Watch TV or go to the movies.
- ◆ Ask a friend to watch your children to create some quiet time for yourself.

Myths and Realities

There are many myths about sexual assault. These include that victims are “asking for it” by the way they dress, by being under the influence or by flirting. Other myths suggest that if a victim doesn’t fight back or isn’t injured, then it was not an assault.

In reality, the blame is on the attacker. Regardless of the victim’s actions, it is never their fault. Sexual assault is sexual contact or behavior without the explicit consent of the victim. Consent cannot be given by individuals who are underage, intoxicated, unconscious or under the perpetrator’s power.

There are many reasons a survivor might not fight back during an assault. **But this does not mean an assault did not happen.**

How to Support a Survivor - TALK

- T** **Thank** them for sharing this with you: Acknowledge how difficult it is to talk about this type of trauma. Show appreciation for their trust.
- A** **Ask** how you can help: It is important to give survivors choices about what they want to do next. “I am here to help any way I can.”
- L** **Listen** without judgment: Give undivided attention, offer supportive reassurance, remind them it wasn’t their fault, accept their decisions for healing and acknowledge their pain.
- K** **Keep** supporting: Check in on their emotions, offer normalcy, let them know you’re thinking about them and practice empathy.

MISSOULA LAW ENFORCEMENT

Missoula Police Department

24hr 911

Phone 406-552-6300

Location: 435 Ryman Street

Hours Use the 24-hour South Entrance, located at the glass double doors where the patrol fleet is parked

Social facebook.com/MissoulaPD/

instagram.com/missoula_police/

Website cimissoula.mtus/1151/Learn-about-MPDs-response-to-sexual-assault



Missoula County Sheriff

24hr 911

Phone 406-258-4810

Location 200 West Broadway, Missoula County Courthouse Annex, second floor

Social instagram.com/mcso200/

facebook.com/MissoulaCountySheriffsOffice/

Website TBD



The Missoula Police Department and the Missoula County Sheriff's Office are committed to providing compassionate, confidential and effective services to victims of sexual assault to address safety, welfare and recovery. They ensure public safety, investigate crimes, preserve evidence and identify offenders. Each department recognizes the complexity of these cases and the trauma experienced by victims.

When calling 911, the dispatcher determines the appropriate officer based on the location of the crime. Whether the responding officer is with the Missoula Police or the County Sheriff's Office, duties, responsibilities and actions are the same.

Initial Response:

Law enforcement officers respond 24 hours a day for emergency and nonemergency reports of sexual assault. Victims can walk into the Missoula Police Department or Missoula County Sheriff's Office 24 hours a day, and an officer or deputy will speak to the victim.

Assisting the Victim:

Responding officers will show understanding, patience and respect for the victim and will:

- ♦ Get emergency medical attention as needed.
- ♦ Contact an advocate for initial and ongoing support.
- ♦ Explain the options and resources and answer questions.
- ♦ Provide victims with resources and contact numbers.

Preliminary Interview:

If the victim is able, responding officers will conduct a preliminary interview to determine if a crime was committed under Montana law. They will attempt to locate and preserve evidence and work with the advocate to help the victim understand the next steps in the process. Officers will:

- ◆ Request the victim's name and contact information.
- ◆ Ask the victim questions about the incident and location.
- ◆ Obtain a description and location of possible physical evidence.
- ◆ Seek the identity, description and location of the suspect and vehicle.
- ◆ Find witness information.
- ◆ If the victim chooses, the officer will identify and photograph injuries and encourage the victim to get follow-up photographs as the injuries heal.
- ◆ Facilitate a forensic exam at First Step for the collection and preservation of evidence if the victim chooses.
- ◆ Work with an advocate to answer questions and explain the next steps.
- ◆ Explain that a specially trained detective will conduct a follow-up interview.
- ◆ Provide the victim with the report number and contact information and advise the victim to report any new information to law enforcement.
- ◆ Ensure the victim is safe and will stay safe before leaving.
- ◆ Document information gathered in the preliminary interview in a report or confidential memo for follow-up investigation

Follow-up Investigation:

All felony level sex offenses will be assigned to a detective for further investigation. This process involves a detailed gathering of facts and the collation of information and evidence, which are essential for conducting a thorough investigation. Detectives will:

- ◆ Request an interview with the victim about the crime and provide an advocate for ongoing support and resources.
- ◆ Conduct interviews with witnesses.
- ◆ Interview and interrogate suspects.
- ◆ Gather visual and forensic examination of evidence.
- ◆ Work with the advocate to make sure the victim has ongoing support and keep the victim informed and involved whenever possible.
- ◆ Submit a detailed investigation for review by the Missoula County Attorney's Office.

CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Missoula Crime Victim Advocate Program

Phone 406-258-3830

Location 317 Woody St.

Hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wednesday

email cva@missoulacounty.us

Social facebook.com/CJDmissoula

Website missoulacounty.us/government/civil-criminal-justice/crime-victim-advocate-program

The Missoula Crime Victim Advocate Program offers free and confidential support to victims of violent crimes, including sexual assault. Their support aims to empower and assist sexual assault survivors by ensuring their rights to information, fair treatment and restitution are upheld. They offer assistance regardless of whether you choose to report to law enforcement, are unsure about reporting or the case is under investigation.

An advocate will:

- ♦ Listen to you and provide a safe, confidential space.
- ♦ Explain options and how the court process works.
- ♦ Provide resources and information about normal feelings and responses to being sexually assaulted.
- ♦ Go with you to make a police report.
- ♦ Help you get a Temporary Order of Protection (TOP).
- ♦ Assist with the court hearing.



Providence Saint Patrick Hospital First Step Resource Center



24hr 406-329-5776

Call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, press zero, to be transferred to the emergency department and connect with the on-call examiner.

Location Off-site private clinic

If not a medical emergency, please call. If there is an emergency, go to the St. Patrick Hospital Emergency Department, at 500 West Broadway, using the entrance off McCormick Street.

Website providence.org/locations/mt/st-patrick-hospital/first-step-resource-center

First Step Resource provides no-cost services for children, families, and adults who may have experienced sexual assault or child abuse. We honor all identities, including race, age, gender, sexuality, class, religion and ability.

For adults and adolescents who have experienced sexual assault, Providence offers:

Medical care

A trained nurse meets clients at a private clinic. They provide an assessment, lab tests, and medication to prevent sexually transmitted infections. Examiners treat injuries and make referrals for follow-up care. Medical care is available even when a client does not want evidence collected.

Evidence collection

DNA evidence may be collected up to five days after a sexual assault, but it is most likely to yield positive results if collected sooner. The examiner may collect swabs for potential DNA, clothing, urine and/or blood.

Coordination with other agencies

Individuals reporting sexual assault are offered a community advocate to provide support. Advocates provide information about options, and if a person is interested in reporting, they may be connected with a law enforcement agency.

For children and their families suspecting abuse, Providence offers:

Forensic interviews for children

Children speak with a trained forensic interviewer who asks questions in a non-leading and non-threatening manner. Investigative agencies may observe the interview from another room, allowing the interviewer to address the questions of other team members.

Medical evaluations

Children's examinations are noninvasive and similar to a check-up. Often, the critical part is offering reassurance that the child's body is okay. The examiner can answer questions and provide education.

Trauma-informed mental health screening, treatments, and referrals

The First Step staff offers the family a mental health screening during the evaluation. Based on the screening, First Step may offer therapy or provide referrals for community-based care.

Family support services

The First Step staff meets with the family during the appointment. Staff can also provide follow-up care over the phone, offering education, referrals, information about community resources, and an assessment of family needs.

YWCA Pathways Program

24hr	406-542-1944 or 800-483-7858
Location	1800 S. 3rd Street W
Walk-in hours	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
Social	@ywcamissoula
Website	ywcamissoula.org



The YWCA Pathways Program provides 24-hour support to individuals who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and stalking. The services offered include crisis counseling via the 24-hour crisis line and/or in-person peer counseling, safe shelter, support groups and an in-house licensed therapist.

Immediate Services

- ♦ 24-hour crisis line staffed by advocates who offer emotional support, information and referrals.
- ♦ In-person support is available from advocates at the YWCA office.
- ♦ YWCA advocates provide emotional support, information, referrals and help navigating social, medical and criminal legal systems.
- ♦ YWCA advocates respond 24/7 to First Step.
- ♦ Youth advocates are available to provide services specifically for children and support for caregivers.

Shelter

- ♦ A 60-day shelter program is available for all genders and children who are in danger due to a sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking, in Missoula, Mineral and Granite Counties, and Lower Lake County up to Arlee, Upper Ravalli County to Florence, and the Browning Domestic Violence Program.
- ♦ Short-term shelter (up to three weeks) may be available outside of the service area, if space allows.

Long-term Services

- ♦ Weekly, open support groups are available for female survivors on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. at the YWCA Meadowlark, located at 1800 S. 3rd St. W. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. if you have children. A complimentary dinner is available at 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Multi-week closed sexual assault group sessions are offered twice per year.
- ♦ Advocates can provide ongoing long-term advocacy support to help navigate social, legal, medical and criminal justice systems.



Missoula County Attorney



Phone 406-258-4737

Location 200 West Broadway

Missoula County Courthouse Annex, 4th floor. The closest door to the office is the Pine Street entrance.

Hours 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday–Friday excluding holidays.

Website will update

The prosecutors in the Criminal Division of the Missoula County Attorney's Office are responsible for prosecuting all felony sexual crimes that occur anywhere within Missoula County, as well as all misdemeanor sexual crimes that take place outside the city limits of Missoula. The Criminal Division also handles the prosecution of individuals under the age of 18 in Youth Court.

Determining whether a sexual crime is classified as a felony or a misdemeanor depends on specific factors and evidence. Each case is unique and requires a thorough legal analysis following the investigation by law enforcement. A misdemeanor is a less serious offense, while a felony is a more serious offense. Both can result in incarceration, probation, community-based rehabilitation programs, mental health requirements, anger management, sexual offender counseling, chemical dependency treatment, community service, fines and other conditions. In addition, felony cases may necessitate registration as a sexual or violent offender.

The Missoula County Attorney's Office is committed to helping victims throughout the criminal legal system. Missoula County prosecutors work closely with Crime Victim Advocates (CVAs) to keep victims informed about the status of their cases, answer questions and help them understand the

legal system. Victims are welcome to contact the prosecutor assigned to their case at any time.

The Legal Process

After an investigation is complete or an arrest is made, the prosecutor assigned to the case will evaluate it and decide whether to charge the offender and which charge or charges to file.

When a case is charged, the prosecutor attempts to contact the victim, either directly or through an advocate. If the victim does not have an advocate, the CVA office will be contacted if the victim wishes.

The prosecutor consults with victims and considers their wishes when trying to resolve a case with a plea agreement. Plea agreements are reached in most cases. The judge considers the victim's wishes when deciding whether to accept or reject a plea agreement. If a plea agreement is rejected, the offender may either accept the sentence the judge proposes or withdraw their guilty plea and proceed to trial.

If a case goes to trial, the victim is prepared by the prosecutor, CVA and/or the primary investigator. Pretrial preparation includes an explanation of legal protections for victims, evidentiary issues, what to expect during cross-examination and how supporters can best assist a victim throughout the trial process. Victims can insist that the prosecutor be present during any pretrial interviews with defense attorneys.

If a defendant enters a guilty plea or is convicted at trial, the court orders a pre-sentence report and recommendation for sentencing. A probation officer investigates the circumstances of the offense and the defendant's background and asks the victim for a statement as to how the crime affected her or him and what her or his recommendation for sentencing would be. If the victim desires, there is an opportunity to address the court at the sentencing hearing.

University of Montana Resources



The University of Montana is committed to preventing and addressing the effects of sexual assault. Sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment, stalking, relationship violence and retaliation involving UM students—whether it occurs on or off campus. UM students have the right to pursue their education free from the effects of sexual violence and any ongoing harassment. UM strives to create a safe and supportive campus environment that fosters learning, personal growth and the fulfillment of dreams.

The University of Montana provides a range of resources.

- ◆ Students can receive confidential advocacy and health services through the Student Advocacy Resource Center, Curry Health Center, counseling, behavioral health options, student wellness services and the Clinical Psychology Center.
- ◆ UM's Title IX coordinator in the EO/AA Office can assist a student who wishes to report to the police and ensure that students receive access to interim services or accommodations after reporting sexual misconduct.
- ◆ UM Police can provide information about reporting options and who can initiate a critical investigation.
- ◆ Faculty, staff, resident hall assistants, advisors and the dean of students do everything possible to foster a safe environment. Except for those designated as confidential resources, they are required to report information about sexual misconduct to the Title IX coordinator.

- ◆ UM takes reports of sexual misconduct seriously and responds to the choices individuals make regarding the methods of reporting, understanding that sexual assault, harassment and sexual misconduct can have a profound impact on a student's life.

If sexual misconduct occurs, UM strongly urges individuals to take action and seek support through the following campus resources:

- ◆ Student Advocacy Resource Center (SARC)
- ◆ Counseling Services
- ◆ Curry Health Center, Medical Clinic
- ◆ UM Police Department
- ◆ Residence Life
- ◆ Dean of Students
- ◆ Equal Opportunity Office/Title IX Coordinator

Student Advocacy Resource Center (SARC)



Phone 406-243-4429

Call for up-to-date walk-in hours.
After hours, students seeking support should call the
Missoula YWCA Support Line at 406-542-1944

Location 634 Eddy Avenue

Curry Health Center – East entrance. Corner of Eddy
and Maurice, upstairs room 112

Hours 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with daily “walk-in” hours.
Monday-Friday

Email sarc@msoumont.edu

Website umt.edu/student-advocacy-resource-center/

The Student Advocacy Resource Center provides confidential, free and safe services to UM student survivors of discrimination, stalking, sexual and/or relationship violence, as well as provides support to their partners, friends and relatives. SARC provides advocacy, brief-model counseling and case management to support students impacted by identity-based harm. SARC also assists survivors with accessing UM and community resources. SARC is a welcoming, accessible, available, and safe space for the entire UM student community, free from bias, prejudice and preference.

Services provided

- ♦ Daily “Walk-In” Hours vary by semester.
- ♦ Advocacy and accompaniment.
- ♦ Partners with the Missoula YWCA to provide 24-hour support to UM students.
- ♦ Assistance with reporting to the University or law enforcement.

- ♦ Individual and group counseling.
- ♦ Prevention education, training and resources
- ♦ Programs, workshops and events related to gender-based violence, healthy relationships and trauma-informed practices

Counseling Services

Phone 406-243-4711

Location 634 Eddy Avenue

Curry Health Center – West entrance

Website umt.edu/curry-health-center/counseling/services_offered.php

Counseling Services supports students who are victims of sexual violence by addressing their personal counseling and psychotherapy needs, helping them gain the most from their experience on campus. All services are confidential.

Counseling Services offers brief therapy, a model designed to identify and address issues and needs that can reasonably be managed within a semester or less. When a student's mental health care needs exceed the scope of our services, Counseling Services will facilitate referrals to community-based providers for specialized or longer-term care.

Services provided

- ♦ Individual and group counseling
- ♦ Crisis appointments
- ♦ Substance use treatment

Curry Health Center, Medical Clinic



Phone	406-243-4330
Location	634 Eddy Avenue
Hours	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday during the academic year. Closed weekends, academic breaks and holidays. Scheduled appointments available each open day. Urgent Walk-in care available 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily
Website	umt.edu/curry-health-center/

The Curry Health Center is the primary healthcare provider for students at the University of Montana. Curry Health Center is a leading force in creating a healthy campus where injury or illness does not prevent academic success. Students are engaged in healthy and protective behaviors, diversity is valued, mutual respect is the norm, students are wise consumers of healthcare, and value and satisfaction are demonstrated.

Services provided

- ♦ Assist with medical concerns following a sexual assault.
- ♦ Does not collect evidence in sexual assault cases but can make referrals.

Residence Life



Phone	406-243-2611
Location	Turner Hall 101
Hours	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday Residence Life staff are available at each housing location and by phone 24 hours a day. To reach staff after 5:00 p.m., contact UM Police.
Website	umt.edu/housing/

Residence Life staff are trained and knowledgeable about campus services. Full-time staff and area coordinators for the residence halls are full-time, master's degree professionals who live and work in the residence halls with the students. They supervise the Resident Assistants and are responsible for the daily operations of the halls. They are trained to help victims of sexual assault.

Resident Assistants (RAs), Community Assistants (CAs) for University Villages, and Village Assistance (VAs) for Lewis & Clark, are student staff trained to help victims of sexual assault and relationship violence.

Services:

- ♦ Changes in housing
- ♦ Connecting students to campus resources
- ♦ Changes to University phone numbers in residents' halls or apartments

University Police Department



24hr	911
Emergency Dispatch	406-243-4000
Main Line	406-243-6131
Location	Physical Plant building behind Grizzly Stadium. Use the 24-hour entrance on the north side.
Email	umpolice@msoum.edu
Website	umt.edu/police/

UM's specially trained officers are available 24 hours a day to respond to sexual assaults on campus. UM Officers will discuss all reporting options and resources available to the victim.

UMPD collaborates with the University and the city of Missoula. UM police will take all steps necessary, including calling in local law enforcement resources and using UMPD's Detective embedded with the Missoula Police Department, to ensure a thorough and complete investigation into any sexual assault reported on campus.

UMPD officers are law enforcement officers certified by the state with the same powers of arrest, training and equipment as local agencies. The 24/7 dispatch responds to calls for assistance and directs responders. Officers assist victims in understanding options for filing a report or pursuing an investigation, including reporting to either the campus Title IX Coordinator or the Dean of Students for additional services and campus follow-up. Anyone can report anonymously and access resources.

Services provided

- ♦ Immediate law enforcement response.
- ♦ Attention to medical and safety needs.
- ♦ SARC advocate connection.
- ♦ First Step connection.
- ♦ Discussion about options for filing a criminal complaint.
- ♦ Third-party and blind reporting options.
- ♦ Information about campus and city resources

Dean Of Students

Phone	406.243.5225
Hours	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location	University Hall
Email	deanofstudents@msoum.edu
Website	umt.edu/campus-life/dean-of-students/

The Dean of Students works closely with numerous campus offices and committees dedicated to the University's efforts in preventing, responding to and adjudicating sexual misconduct. Key partners include the Equal Opportunity/Title IX Office, the Student Advocacy Resource Center (SARC), UM Housing, the Department of Athletics and UM Police.

The Dean of Students oversees the University's CARES Team (Coordination, Assessment, Response, Education, Support)—a multidisciplinary group responsible for providing support to students in need and for identifying, assessing and responding to serious concerns or disruptive behaviors that may pose a threat to the health or safety of the campus community.

Title IX Coordinator And Director Of Equal Opportunity

Phone (406) 243-5710

Location Office of Conflict, Resolution, & Policy, University Hall 004

Email conflict@umontana.edu

Website umt.edu/equal-opportunity-title-IX/

Submit a report online Scan Here:



Any person may report discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), or retaliation—by using the contact information listed above, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator or the Office of Conflict, Resolution, & Policy receiving the report. Reports may be submitted at any time, including outside of business hours.

The University has adopted and published grievance procedures providing for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and sexual harassment, including formal complaints under Title IX. Information about how to file a report or formal complaint, and how the University will respond, is available from the Office of Conflict Resolution and Policy on the Equal Opportunity and Title IX website, including:

- ♦ Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy and Procedures
- ♦ Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures (anticipated issuance in August 2025)

This non-discrimination statement is prominently displayed on the University of Montana's website and included in relevant publications, including handbooks and catalogs distributed to students, employees,

applicants, and unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the University.

Services provided

- ♦ Coordinates educational programs and trainings regarding discrimination and harassment prevention for students and employees.
- ♦ Responds to and seeks to resolve reports of discrimination and harassment following official procedures.
- ♦ Provides information about and, if requested, assists with criminal reporting.
- ♦ Provides information about resources for obtaining advocacy, healthcare and counseling services.
- ♦ Coordinates supportive measures for members of the UM community.

Individuals may also contact the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) with inquiries, questions, or complaints at:

Office for Civil Rights (OCR) U.S. Department of Education

Address 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-1100

Phone 800-421-3481

TDD 800-877-8339

Email OCR@ed.gov

Website ed.gov/ocr

Office Of Conflict, Resolution, & Policy

Phone 406-243-5710

Hours 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: University Hall 004

Email conflict@umontana.edu

Website umt.edu/equal-opportunity-title-IX/

The University of Montana is committed to providing a learning and working environment that promotes respect, dignity and equity for all individuals. In accordance with federal and state law, the University does not discriminate—and prohibits discrimination—on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, creed, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, lactation or related medical conditions), gender, (including gender identity, gender expression, and gender transition), sexual orientation, physical or mental disability (including having a history of a disability or being regarded as having a disability), marital or family status, genetic characteristics or information, age, veteran or military status, political ideas, or any other legally protected classification in its educational programs and activities, including admission and employment.

In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations, the University of Montana does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that it operates. This requirement extends to admission and employment. Inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the University's Title IX Coordinator.

The University of Montana has designated a Title IX Coordinator and Director of Equal Opportunity to coordinate its compliance with Title IX and other non-discrimination laws and policies. Their contact information is:

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

RAINN - National Sexual Assault Hotline

(800) 656-HOPE

Online Chat - hotline.rainn.org/online

Crisis Text Line

Text HOME or HOLA to 741741 to reach a live volunteer Crisis Counselor. We are always here for you. Free, 24/7, confidential. Text, chat, WhatsApp

crisistextline.org/topics/sexual-abuse/#understanding-sexual-abuse-1

End Rape on Campus

endrapeoncampus.org/survivor-resources/

StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, offering support and advocacy.

844-7NATIVE (762-8483) strongheartshelpline.org/

988 Lifeline for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Hearing Loss

Offers call, text and chat services for people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, including veterans.

For Male Survivors

Every man who has experienced sexual assault or sexual abuse deserves access to a judgment-free space to heal on his own terms, without shame. Find support, information and hope.

malesurvivor.org/for-survivors/

Military

Safe Helpline services are anonymous, confidential, and tailored to support members of the Dept of Defense community and their loved ones affected by sexual assault.

safehelpline.org/



Missoula
COUNTY