WHITTIER COLLEGE RESOURCES

The Whittier College Support Person Program provides non-judgmental support, accompaniment, advising, and information: (562) 907-4233

The Whittier College Counseling Center provides in-office support from 8am - 5pm: (562) 907-4239 or reach the on-call counselor after hours through Campus Safety at (562) 907-4911

The Whittier College Health and Wellness Center provides general medical attention and birth control: (562) 464-4548

Whittier College encourages you to report sexual misconduct. You can report to various people:

Title IX Coordinator: (562) 907-4830
Title XI Investigator: (562) 907-4233
Campus Safety: (562) 907-4911

OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES

Project Sister in Pomona provides accompaniment to the hospital or police station, advocacy, information, referrals, counseling, and a 24-hour hotline: (909) 626-4357

The Los Angeles 24-hour Rape & Battering Hotline can help you find resources in your area of LA: (626) 793-3385

Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) in Whittier works with a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to provide free, safe, private examinations for survivors of sexual violence. Call Project Sister to set up an appointment 24 hours a day: (909) 626-4357

Whittier College encourages you to report to the Whittier Police Department: (562) 567-9200 or 911 (located at 13200 Penn St, Whittier, CA 90602)

Whittier College prohibits sexual misconduct. Please see the Sexual Misconduct Policy at: www.whittier.edu/smap

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault is a sexual act without consent. It can include many forms of sexual misconduct, including rape and unwanted sexual contact.

WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent is affirmative.* It is positive cooperation in the act or expression of intent to engage in the act pursuant to an exercise of free will.

Consent is revocable. Consent to some form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity.

Consent is conscious. It cannot be given when a person is incapacitated (e.g., unconscious, mentally/physically impaired, or unable to understand the who/what/when/where/why of a situation because of alcohol/other drugs).

Consent is voluntary. It must be given without coercion, force, threats, or intimidation.

* As defined in Whittier College’s sexual misconduct policy and California State Law SB 967.
WHAT TO KNOW:

No one deserves to be sexually assaulted. It is never the victim/survivor’s fault. The fault always lies with the offender.

After a sexual assault, it is helpful to provide a survivor/victim with non-judgmental support and allow them to make decisions about what to do next.

There are many “normal” reactions to a sexual assault, including denial, fear, anger, anxiety, shame, guilt, numbness, sadness, and depression.

1 in 5 college women survive a sexual assault during her college years.

College women are at higher risk of sexual assault than women of the same age who are not in college.

1 in 4 women report experiencing a rape or attempted rape in her lifetime.

3 percent of college men report surviving rape or attempted rape as a child.

50 percent of transgender* individuals report surviving sexual violence in their lifetime.

90 percent of sexual assault survivors knew their attacker.

College women are most vulnerable to sexual assault during the first few weeks of their freshman and sophomore years.

75 percent of the time the offender, victim, or both have been drinking.

IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED A SEXUAL ASSAULT:

1. Go to a Safe Place
   If you do NOT feel safe, call 911 or Campus Safety immediately at (562) 907-4911. Secure the room you’re in by locking or blocking doors and windows while you call for help.
   If you do not feel safe in your room, Whittier College has safe rooms available on campus; call the Dean of Students at (562) 907-54233 during business hours or Campus Safety 24 hours a day.

2. Get Medical Attention and Preserve Evidence
   Sexual Assault Response Team nurses at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital provide free medical services and evidence collection to sexual assault survivors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are thinking about reporting an incident of sexual assault, you can preserve evidence by keeping any clothes worn, sheets, or other evidence at the scene in a paper bag. If possible, do not shower, cleanse, douche, urinate, defecate, eat, drink, or brush teeth.
   Evidence can be collected up to 5 days after an incident and medical attention is important at any time.

3. Get Support and Resources
   You do not have to go through this alone. The Counseling Center can provide emotional support 24 hours a day, and the Support Person Program can provide you with information about resources and accompany you to whatever resources you access.
   Additionally, if you need medical attention, safe rooms on campus, or to report to Whittier College or the police, there are resources available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (see the back resources panel for contact information).

4. Consider Reporting
   Whittier College encourages students to report all incidents of sexual misconduct to the College and to the Whittier Police Department.

WHO CAN I TALK TO FOR INFORMATION AND SUPPORT?

The Whittier College Counseling Center will keep what you tell them completely confidential and there are counselors on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Whittier College Support Person Program is a group of faculty and administrators that have been specially trained to understand all of the resources for survivors on and off campus, and can guide you through whatever you need. They need to report statistics to Whittier College, but not identifying information unless the Whittier College community is at risk of future incidents.

If you want to report the incident to Whittier College, you can tell a number of people, including the Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigators through the Dean of Students Office. If you want to make a report after 5 PM, Campus Safety is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Project Sister and the LA 24-hour Rape & Battering Hotline can also provide you with 24-hour support and assistance in the Whittier and Los Angeles area and will keep your information completely confidential.

Additionally, you can file a formal report with the Whittier Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.