



Appendix A to SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Suggested Actions for Victims of Sexual Assault

While all types of Sexual Misconduct are inappropriate and taken seriously by the University, actions involving Sexual Assault (as defined in Appendix B) are particularly concerning. Thus, if you are the victim of a Sexual Assault, the University's first priority is to help you take steps to address your safety, medical needs, and emotional well-being. You are encouraged to take the following actions, as applicable, regardless of whether you have made a decision about whether to pursue criminal or University disciplinary charges.

- 1. Ensure Your Physical Safety.**

You may seek help from local **law enforcement agencies** or by contacting the **Arkansas Tech University Department of Public Safety**. The Department of Public Safety can assist you and are on duty at the University Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- 2. Seek Medical Assistance and Treatment.**

Local options for medical care include the **University Health and Wellness Center** on the Russellville campus, **Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center** in Russellville, and **Mercy Hospital** in Ozark. It is crucial that you obtain medical attention as soon as possible after a Sexual Assault to determine the possibilities of physical injury and to prevent or treat sexually transmitted diseases. Medical facilities can also screen for the presence of sedative drugs such as Rohypnol or GHB (date-rape drugs).

Employees at the University Health and Wellness Center can help you contact a support person, such as a family member, a friend, or roommate.

If you choose to have an evidence collection kit (or "rape kit") completed, it is important to do so within 72 hours. Even if you have not decided to file charges, it is advisable to have the evidence collection kit completed so that you can preserve the options of obtaining a protective order and/or filing criminal charges at a later date. Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center administers evidence collection kits. Individuals in Russellville may go directly to Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center or may be referred to the hospital by the University Health and Wellness Center. Those in Ozark may go directly to Mercy Hospital Ozark.

In order to best preserve evidence for an evidence collection kit, it may be advisable to avoid showering, bathing, going to the bathroom, or brushing your teeth before the kit is collected. You should also wear (or take with you in a paper, not plastic, bag) to the hospital the same clothing that you were wearing during the assault. An evidence collection kit can still be completed even if you have showered or bathed.

- 3. Obtain Emotional Support.**

The **Arkansas Tech University Health and Wellness Center** can help victims sort through their feelings and begin the recovery process. The professionals at Counseling Services

are trained to provide crisis intervention on short term and emergency issues. Counseling Services can also provide referral services for outside providers and law enforcement. Counseling is free of charge to all students. In some instances, the law may require the disclosure of information shared by students with counselors. However, absent a legal mandate to the contrary, counseling services are strictly confidential, are not part of students' University records, and will not be reported to other University personnel.

4. **Obtain Information/Report Misconduct.**

You are encouraged to report incidents of Sexual Assault to the University's Title IX Coordinator or other designated University individuals or offices as outlined in the Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures (even if you have filed a report directly with law enforcement). Further information about how to report Sexual Assault is provided in the body of the Arkansas Tech University Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures. University personnel can help you access resources and can provide you with support and information, including information on the University's procedures for investigating and addressing instances of Sexual Assault.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

University Resources

Arkansas Tech University's **Title IX Coordinator** is Amy Pennington, whose office is located in Suite 233 of the Doc Bryan Student Services Center. Ms. Pennington may be contacted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday by telephone at (479) 968-0407 or by email at apennington@atu.edu.

Arkansas Tech University's **Deputy Title IX Coordinators** are Will Cooper and Susie Nicholson. Mr. Cooper may be contacted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday by telephone at (479) 968-0334 or by email at wcooper@atu.edu. Ms. Nicholson may be contacted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday by telephone at (479) 964-3230 or by email at snicholson@atu.edu.

Arkansas Tech University's **Deputy Title IX Coordinator for the Ozark Campus** is Tanya Martin, whose office is located in the Technology & Academic Support Building. Ms. Martin may be contacted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday by telephone at (479) 508-3307 or by email at tmartin31@atu.edu.

The **Arkansas Tech University Department of Public Safety** is located at 1508 North Boulder Avenue on the main campus in Russellville, Arkansas, and is available by telephone at (479) 968-0222. University Police Officers are available 24/7.

The **Arkansas Tech University Department of Public Safety for the Ozark Campus** is located in the Collegiate Center, Room 100C on the Ozark Campus, and is available by telephone at (479) 508-3359, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by email to Officer David Spicer at dspicer1@atu.edu.

The **Office of Human Resources** is located in Brown Hall, Suite 434, and is available by telephone at (479) 968-0396. The office is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The **Arkansas Tech University Health and Wellness Center** is located in Doc Bryan Student Services Center, Suite 119, and is available by telephone at (479) 968-0329. The Center is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, <http://www.atu.edu/hwc/index.php>

Community Resources

Russellville Police Department and the **Ozark Police Department** can be reached by calling 911.

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center is located at 1808 West Main Street, Russellville, Arkansas. The Emergency Department can be reached at (479) 968-6211.

Mercy Hospital in Ozark is located at 801 W. River, Ozark Arkansas, 72949 and can be reached at (479) 667-4138.

Ozark Rape Crisis Center is located at 715 W. Main Street, Clarksville, AR, 72830 and can be reached at (479) 754-6869. More information can be found at <http://www.ozarkrapecrisis.com/>.

5th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office's **Victim Assistance Outreach Program** can be reached at (479) 705-0579 or (479) 968-8600.

Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault can be reached at (501) 246-3276. More information can be found at www.acasa.us.