# **Complainant Rights and Options**

Lindenwood University is required by law to make certain statistical disclosures of crimes reported to it. If you report an incident that is a crime, the University will make the statistical disclosure without disclosing personally identifiable information about you.

## **Preserving Evidence**

In cases of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking it is important to preserve evidence. In the case of physical violence, you should go directly to the nearest emergency room and should not bathe, urinate, douche, brush teeth, drink liquids, or change clothes until after you are examined and, if necessary and you so choose, a rape examination is completed by a trained professional at the hospital. Having a forensic exam does not obligate you to file criminal charges. Evidence in electronic formats, such as text messages, emails, photos, social media posts, screenshots, etc., should also be retained.

#### **Notification of Law Enforcement**

The University will encourage the reporting party to report incidents of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking to law enforcement, however, there is not a requirement to do so. If the reporting party chooses to file a complaint with law enforcement, the university will do its best to assist law enforcement where possible, and, if the reporting party chooses, the University will assist in the notification of law enforcement. Should the matter be subject to both the formal investigation process and a criminal investigation, the University will complete its own investigation and form its own conclusion.

## **Supportive Measures**

After a report of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking, the Title IX Coordinator will reach out to the reporting party to discuss the implementation of reasonable and

# **Disciplinary Procedures**

Whether or not a complainant files criminal charges, of the location of the incident, the complainant or the University may still initiate the grievance process.

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Lindenwood's Title IX Policy can be found