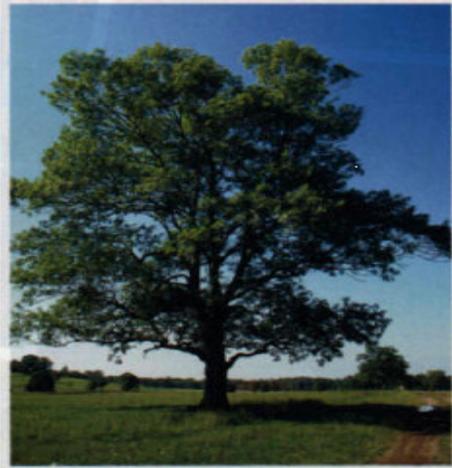


OSCA Sexual Offense Policy

What is it?
What can it do for me?



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OSCA POLICY

The OSCA Sexual Offense Policy exists in conjunction with Oberlin College's Sexual Misconduct Policy and with state and federal laws. OSCA's policy differs from these in several key ways. It outlines the way in which OSCA as an organization will respond to sexualized violence within the OSCA community. It provides for three Sexual Offense Policy Advocates (SOPAs) to ensure adherence to the policy and to support OSCAs who have experienced violence. Finally, OSCA's Sexual Offense Policy exists to aid in the prevention of sexualized violence and to provide support for persons involved in sexualized violence.

Part 1 - Definitions

OSCA defines sexual misconduct as "a behavior which calls attention to sex /gender, sexuality, or sexual identity of persons in a manner that prevents or impairs their full enjoyment of dining and/or living benefits, climate, and activities in OSCA." The policy also provides more specific definitions of sexual misconduct such as sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual battery; however anything that falls under this umbrella definition could be sexual misconduct.

Part 2 – Policy

SOPAs aim to discuss private and confidential options explicitly with any OSCA member who seeks their support. SOPAs are not confidential, meaning they are required to report cases of sexual misconduct to the Oberlin College Title IX office. However, reporting is not equivalent to going through a formal process, and is rather a way to assist a person in gaining access to resources if and when they are ready. SOPAs may also make reports on other people's behalf, should someone not wish to directly report for whatever reason.

Part 3 – Job Role

SOPAs adhere to several principles:

- They are not empowered to conduct investigations or to question claims.
- They exist to empower the co-ops who access them by listening, believing, and providing options.

What Can OSCA Do for Me?

- SOPAs can help facilitate housing and dining co-op switches.
- SOPAs can work with the Office of Residential Education and the College system to facilitate other housing options, which may include emergency singles.
- SOPAs may help coordinate **free transportation** to a mental or physical health facility such as the Lorain County Rape Crisis Center or Mercy Allen Hospital, or anywhere else necessary. As with co-op changes, this service may be provided with no prior notice and with no questions asked.
- SOPAs may hold **workshops and trainings** to educate the co-op community and encourage dialogue about issues surrounding sexualized violence.

Reporting Options

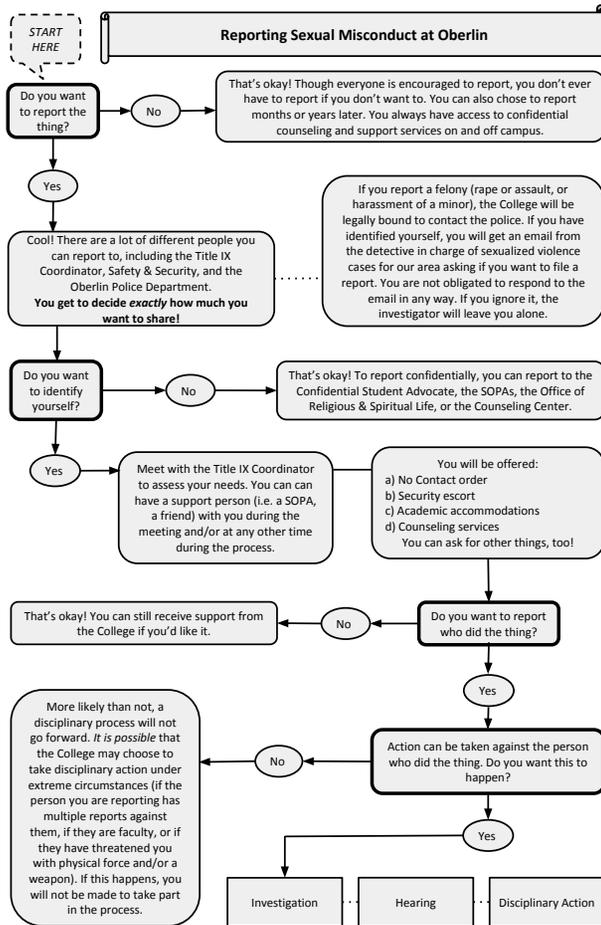


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College Policy

Oberlin College also has its own sexual misconduct policy. Since we are OC students as well as OSCA members, this policy applies to us as well. The College policy includes a judicial system (consisting of trained College staff), which can be used to investigate charges of sexual misconduct and administer punitive measures. This is the primary way in which it differs from our own. To learn more about the College policy, contact your SOPA, the OC Equity Concerns Office, at 440-775-8410, Title IX Coordinator Meredith Raimondo, or Student Advocate and Title IX Prevention Coordinator Monique Burgdorf.

Resources & Contact Info Your SOPAs

On call 24/7 if you experience any sexual misconduct or uncomfortable situation, if you have questions, or if you just want to talk.

On call SOPA phone: 440-574-0167

Jumamosi Popenoe(apopenoe@oberlin.edu)

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 3-4 pm in Wilder 309

Jane Werntz (jwerntz@oberlin.edu)

Office Hours: Mondays, 3-4 pm in Wilder 309

Radia Lahlou (rlahlou@oberlin.edu)

Office Hours: Tuesdays, 9-10 am in Wilder 309

Joint SOPA Office Hour:

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm in Wilder 309

Other Resources

The Lorain County Rape Crisis Center

24/7 emergency: 800-888-6161

Non-crisis: 440-204-4398 or 4359

Address: 6140 South Broadway

Lorain, OH 44053

Rape Crisis offers many services including counseling, support groups, legal advocacy and more.

Oberlin College Counseling Center Walk-in hours at 247 West Lorain Street: Mon/Tue 11a-12p; Wed/Thu/Fri 1:30-2:30p Phone: 440-775-8470

Safety and Security

24/7 emergency: 440-775-8911

Non-emergency: 440-775-8444