

How Will the University Respond if I Request Confidentiality after Reporting to a Responsible Employee?

If a victim discloses an incident to a Responsible Employee but wishes to maintain confidentiality or requests that no investigation into a particular incident be conducted or disciplinary action taken, the University must weigh that request against the University's obligation to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for all members of the University community, including the victim.

If the University honors the request for confidentiality, a victim must understand that the University's ability to meaningfully investigate the incident and pursue disciplinary action against the alleged perpetrator(s) may be limited. In some rare instances, it may be possible for the University to maintain the Reporter's confidentiality and still take responsive action, including disciplinary action if appropriate. For example, if any one of a number of individuals experienced or witnessed the conduct, it may be possible for the University to proceed without revealing the name of the person who made the report.

The Title IX Coordinator/Affirmative Action Officer will evaluate requests for confidentiality. When weighing a victim's request for confidentiality or that no investigation or discipline be pursued, the Title IX Coordinator/Affirmative Action Officer will consider a range of factors, including the following:

- the risk that the alleged perpetrator will commit additional acts of Sex-Based Misconduct or other violence, which may be assessed by evaluating:
 - whether there have been other complaints about the same alleged perpetrator;
 - whether the alleged perpetrator has a history of arrests or records from a prior school indicating a history of violence;
 - whether the alleged perpetrator threatened further sexual violence or other violence against the victim or others;
- whether the sexual violence was committed by multiple perpetrators whether the sexual violence was perpetrated with a weapon;
- whether the victim is a minor;
- whether the University possesses other means to obtain relevant evidence of the prohibited conduct (e.g., security cameras or personnel, physical evidence);
- whether the victim's report reveals a pattern of perpetration (e.g., via illicit use of drugs or alcohol) at a given location or by a particular group.

If the University determines that it cannot maintain a victim's confidentiality, the Title IX Coordinator/Affirmative Action Officer will inform the victim prior to starting an investigation and will, to the extent possible, only share information with people responsible for handling the University's response and as necessary to conduct a thorough investigation.