Victim Rights Related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Relationship Violence and Stalking

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Community Resources:
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) service sponsored by Family Advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota, is available 24 hours a day at RiverView’s Emergency Department.
RiverView Health (218) 281-9200

Community Health Services (24 Hour Crisis Line)
310 S. Broadway
Crookston, MN 56716
Office Phone: (218) 281-3552
1-800-342-7756 • www.CHSIClinics.org

- Services available are confidential
- Shelter/safe housing assistance
- Bilingual Advocates
- Transportation
- Information and Referral
- Supportive Counseling and Advocacy
- Assistance with Order of Protection Advocacy with Law Enforcement, Legal, Health Care, and Financial System

Northwestern Mental Health Center (M-F) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
603 Bruce Street
Crookston, MN 56716
Office Phone: (218) 281-3940

- Provide 1:1 counseling services for individuals, abuse trauma related issues, chemical dependency/abuse, chronic mental illness/psychosis, loss and grief, anxiety, depression, family/parenting/martial issues, stress, work and relationship problems, crisis/suicide
- To make an appointment, call (218) 281-3940

Polk County Coordinated Victims Services
816 Marin Avenue, Suite 254
Crookston, MN 56716
Office Phone: (218) 281-1554

Crisis Resources 24/7
- 911
- National Sexual Assault Hotline:
  1-800-656-4673 (HOPE)
- Crookston Mental Health Crisis Line: 1-800-282-5005

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Investigation Process
• Student reports complaint
• University will investigate and promptly respond to a complaint, but will not officially conduct an investigation without first informing the individual to get consent
• A support person may be present (e.g. advocate, advisor, parent, attorney, etc.) during any of the questioning related to this incident
• The University will follow the direction of law enforcement authorities in obtaining, securing, and maintaining evidence relating to the sexual assault incident
• University authorities will also assist in preserving materials which are relevant to a University disciplinary proceeding

Student Conduct Proceedings:
• A support person may be present during disciplinary proceedings
• The standard procedures are impartial and provide the opportunity to provide for both the complainant and alleged perpetrator (respondent) to make statements, present witnesses and evidence
• Each party has the right to be notified of the outcome of any University disciplinary proceeding concerning a complaint, subject to the limitations of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, and to know any appeal procedures
• Both parties have the right to appeal the decision regarding the violation and/or any associated sanctions
• Any other potential violation of the University’s Student Conduct Code will be addressed separately from the sexual violence allegation

Confidentiality:
The University will honor a request for confidentiality as per policy and federal mandates with the exception of instances where mandated reporting is necessary (e.g. child abuse & neglect). A responsible employee on campus must report incidents of sexual violence to Title IX Coordinator or other appropriate school designee, subject to the exemption for counseling or medical employees. Law enforcement and the University have a legal obligation to keep any identifying information out of public records. The University will have some limitations in its investigation and with any associated student conduct proceedings if confidentiality must be maintained.

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