

# SEXUAL ASSAULT DURING STUDY ABROAD

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GUIDELINES FOR UW TACOMA  
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM LEADERS

# Response to Assaulted Student

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- Be supportive
  - Don't press for details
  - Offer options
  - Let the student decide on a course of action (with one exception)
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# Things to Say (and not say)

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- ❑ “Thank you for telling me.”
- ❑ “I’m sorry this has happened to you.”
- ❑ “What can I do to help?”
- ❑ Avoid “why” questions.



# Your Immediate Responsibilities

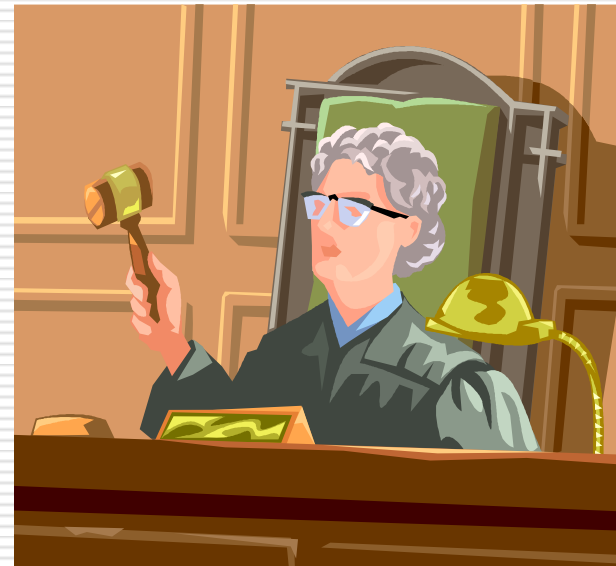
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- ❑ If student needs immediate care call UW International Emergency Phone Line: 001-206-632-0153
  - ❑ Offer to help student seek medical care
  - ❑ Discuss options with student
    - Criminal charges
    - Evacuation
    - Counseling
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# Next Steps: Contact TSIM & UWT International Programs Office

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- ❑ TSIM: 001-206-601-7292
- ❑ UWT Intl Programs 001-253-692-4426 or [uwtoip@uw.edu](mailto:uwtoip@uw.edu)
- ❑ TSIM will contact local Embassy (w/o revealing student identity) to inquire about how to file criminal charges



# Filing a UWT Complaint

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- If perpetrator is UWT student:
    - Victim may file report under Student Conduct Code
    - TSIM can assist student with process of reporting to UWT Dept of Student Svcs
    - Dept of Student Services can discuss possible outcomes with student
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# Medical Care for Student

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- Help student contact HTH or US Embassy to locate nearest medical facility
  - Screening for STD's
  - "Morning-after" prescription
  - Anti-HIV medications
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# Counseling

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- Offer to help student find counseling in local area
    - TSIM can help with locating counselor
  
  - Call or email UWT Intl Programs Office & they will contact UWT Student Counseling Center for student if he or she wants services (001-253-692-4426 or [uwtoip@uw.edu](mailto:uwtoip@uw.edu))
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# Medical Evacuation

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- Student may evacuate if:
  - Anti-HIV drugs are recommended but not available locally
  - Counseling needed but not available
  - Significant trauma



# Special Issues

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- Male victims of sexual assault:
    - Less likely to report for fear of ridicule or disbelief
    - Less likely to want medical exam
    - May prefer to speak to or be examined by male OR older female
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- LGBT victims of sexual assault:
    - May fear to disclose assault for fear of being re-victimized
    - Same-sex survivors even LESS likely to report than LGBT survivors of assault by opposite sex perpetrator
    - May prefer to work with LGBT providers, if at all possible
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# Your Ongoing Responsibilities

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- Monitor student well-being
  - Periodically revisit student options
    - (including evacuation)
  - Consult with TSIM about additional concerns that may arise
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# Support in Tacoma

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- UWT Student Counseling Center
  - 253-692-4522
- Pierce County Crisis Line
  - 800-576-7764
- Sexual Assault Crisis Line
  - 800-756-7273



# Get Support for Yourself

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- Listening to trauma can be traumatic
  - Secondary traumatization
- Get counseling if needed
- Consult with TSIM as needed