Sexual Assault Reporting Procedures

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, please consider telling someone what happened:

- Notify New Mexico Tech Campus Police at: 575.835.5555, CamPo is located in the Student Activities Center (SAC).
- Notify Tech’s Dean of Students at: 575.835.5880, the dean is located on the 2nd floor of Brown Hall.
- Notify Tech’s Title IX Coordinator at: 575.835.5005, the coordinator is located in Fitch 213.
- Notify a Residential Life Coordinator, a Resident Assistant, or talk to a trusted professor or administrator.
- Talk with a Provider or Counselor at the Student Health and Counseling & Disabilities Office, 1st floor Fidel: 575.835.5094/575.835.6619

NMT’s PROCESS & OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

**Option 1.**
Pursue internal (college) disciplinary action.
- Legal options and support will be explained by NMT Campus Police.
- The Dean of Students will explain college judicial process, options and support.
- Federally mandated notice may be sent to campus community by Campus Police.*
  Name(s) of complainant(s) will not be disclosed.
- Physical evidence can be collected by police.
- All relevant witnesses can be interviewed by police.
- Investigation can take several days to several weeks, based on circumstances.
- Upon completion of the investigation, reports are forwarded to the Dean of Students for follow-up and possible adjudication.
- Dean of Students receives investigation report and witness testimony in regards to the charges pending.
- Victims, suspects, and witnesses are notified of any college adjudication.
- The accuser and the accused are equally entitled to have others present during any college disciplinary proceeding.
- Both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding brought alleging a sex offense.

**Option 2.**
Pursue criminal charges
- Investigation is conducted by NMT Campus Police.
- Upon completion of the investigation, report is forwarded to the Socorro County District Attorney for possible prosecution.

**Option 3.**
Pursue both internal and criminal charges
- Process outline in Option 1 & 2 occur simultaneously.
- Internal college judicial and criminal adjudication processes occur independently.

**Option 4.**
Report assault, but choose not to pursue charges at present time
- A “no contact order” may be issued between complainants and suspect (if known).
- Federally mandated notice may be sent to campus community by NMT Campus Police. Name(s) of complainant(s) will not be disclosed.
- The stated time, date and location of the assault and any additional related crimes will be reported in Tech’s crime log and statistic records as mandated by The Clery Act*. Names will remain anonymous.

**IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:**
- Counseling is strongly encouraged in all cases.
- Medical treatment is recommended as appropriate.
- Complainant may elect to continue with the process or stop at any time.
- Complainant may choose not to participate in the formal process and instead decide to approach a counselor.

*The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, commonly referred to as the Clery Act, requires higher education institutions to collect, report and disseminate crime data to the campus community and U.S. Department of Education; to provide warnings of reported crimes that represent a threat to the safety of students or employees “in a manner that is timely and will aid in the prevention of similar crimes”; and to make public their campus security policies and procedures.

Crime Alerts are usually posted for the following crimes: arson, aggravated assault, homicide, robbery, and sex offenses. Crime alerts may also be posted for other classifications as deemed necessary. Crime Alerts are posted through electronic mail and the posting of bulletins at various locations on campus when a crime has occurred and there is a possibility that an outstanding suspect could pose a danger to the campus community.