Confidential Reporting

Reporting of instances of sexual misconduct can either be confidential or private. For a service resource to report confidentially means they do not report crimes to law enforcement or College officials without your permission, except for extreme circumstances. Extreme circumstances are those that threaten the health and/or safety of the student or another identified student. Students can expect confidentiality from their Advisor, Program Director or Department Chair. Reporting to the Title IX Coordinator, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, or to the Chief Human Resources is **not confidential**.

Privacy versus Confidentiality

Even though the College offices and employees designated above cannot hold the fact of an act of sexual misconduct in confidence, they are able to and will maintain your privacy to the greatest extent possible. The information you provide to a non-confidential resource will be relayed only as necessary to investigate and/or seek a resolution and to notify the Title IX Coordinator or designee, who is responsible under the law for tracking patterns and spotting systemic issues. Bank Street College will limit the disclosure as much as possible, even if the Title IX Coordinator determines that the request for confidentiality cannot be honored.

Confidential Disclosure

Off-campus options to disclose sexual violence confidentially include (note that these outside options do not provide any information to the campus):

- Off-campus counselors and advocates. Crisis services offices will generally
 maintain confidentiality unless you request disclosure and sign a consent or
 waiver form. More information on an agency's policies on confidentiality may be
 obtained directly from the agency.
 - Local hospitals provide SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) via the New York City SAFE designated hospital network.
 - Off-campus mental healthcare providers are also able to keep reporting confidential. (It is important to note that that medical office and insurance billing practices may reveal information to the insurance policyholder, including medication and/or examinations paid for or administered. The New York State Office of Victim Services may be able to assist in compensating victims/survivors for health care and counseling services, including emergency compensation. More information may be found here or by calling 1-800-247-8035. Options are explained here.

