

# I am being stalked, have experienced domestic/dating violence, or was sexually assaulted... What are my options?

## I want to get medical treatment:

Students have a couple of different **confidential** options when looking to obtain medical treatment.

At **TCNJ Student Health Services**, a nurse practitioner can perform a physical exam to check for injuries, perform STI and HIV testing and provide emergency contraception and treatment. You can call the office at 609-771-2889 to schedule an appointment or schedule online at <https://tcnj.medicatconnect.com>.

Local hospitals can also provide services to address physical injuries, including medical evidence collection. In the event of a sexual assault, hospital staff can help students start the Sexual Assault Response Team Activation Process. An advocate from Womanspace will be deployed to the hospital to help you through the process and talk about your options. Medical evidence collection is conducted by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and can be useful if you decide to pursue criminal charges against the offender within 5 years. It needs to be done within 5 DAYS of the incident. There is no cost for the forensic examination and no bill should be generated.

**Local Hospitals in Mercer County:** Capital Health Regional Medical Center in Trenton, Capital Health Medical Center in Hopewell, St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, or RWJ University Hospital in Hamilton.

Dear TCNJ Student,

Everyone's experience with power-based personal violence is unique. Tuning into what you want or need may help determine which action steps, if any, you choose to pursue. Here is a chart designed to help those impacted by sexual assault, domestic/dating violence or stalking learn more about their options.

**Anti-Violence Initiatives**, or AVI, is a **confidential** resource that is available to you at any point in this process. AVI can assist you in identifying your needs, help you understand the options available, and help you access any resources on- or off- campus. AVI can also work with you to ensure your physical and emotional safety.

### Anti-Violence Initiatives Counseling • Advocacy • Prevention

Forcina Hall 308

609-771-2272

<https://oavi.tcnj.edu/>  
[oavi@tcnj.edu](mailto:oavi@tcnj.edu)

**CAPS** is a **confidential** counseling resource that is available to all registered TCNJ students. CAPS can assist you in identifying your needs, help you understand the treatment and advocacy options available, and help you access resources on- or off-campus. CAPS offers brief individual counseling and a variety of groups to help you heal and feel supported.

### Counseling & Psychological Services

Eickhoff Hall 107

609-771-2247

<https://caps.tcnj.edu>  
[CAPS@tcnj.edu](mailto:CAPS@tcnj.edu)

Please know your TCNJ community is here for you to help in any way that we can. Take good care.

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Assistant Director for Anti-Violence Initiatives

You'll notice some resources are identified as "**confidential**." This means those resources are not obligated to report information that is given to them. This allows the client to explore his or her options in a no-pressure environment in order to make informed decisions. The only exceptions to this rule are in cases that involve imminent risk of serious harm, emergent hospitalization, or a court order. While specific information may be kept confidential, these incidents may be counted for statistical purposes, as per the Clery Act. Non-confidential resources are required by law to report these incidents/violations and take legal, disciplinary or other action accordingly.

## I want to take legal action:

**TCNJ Campus Police** provide services to ensure safety, transport to the hospital for SART activation or the courthouse for a temporary restraining order, and commence an investigation.

**Ewing Police** can assist with access to the legal process for incidents currently in progress or happening off-campus.

In the event of a civil court process, it is recommended you contact an attorney, especially if this is the route you wish to take and feel is best for you.

**Campus Police:** 609-771-2345

**Ewing Police:** 609-882-1313

\*\*If you were under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at the time of the incident, even if you are not 21 years old, you will NOT be charged with an alcohol or drug offence by TCNJ or Campus Police.

\*\*Not a confidential resource

## I want to take disciplinary action:

The Title IX Coordinator will be informed of all complaints or reports of violations of the Student Conduct Code, including the Physical Sexual Misconduct Policy, and oversees the response to ensure compliance with Title IX and the 2013 amendments to the Violence Against Women Act.

At the direction of the Title IX Coordinator, a College administrator investigates and/or external investigators conduct interviews and gather evidence. The investigator determines whether the Student Conduct Code has been violated. An AVI advocate can provide support and an advisor of the student's choice can accompany you during the process.

Where a student is found responsible for violations of the Sex Discrimination and Physical Sexual Misconduct Policy, sanctions will be imposed.

**TCNJ Title IX Coordinator:** Jordan Draper  
Brower Student Center, Suite 220  
609-771-3266

\*\*Not a confidential resource

## I do not want to talk to anyone at the College about this:

If you feel more comfortable discussing your experiences and options with someone unrelated to TCNJ, a trusted organization exists very close to our community: **Womanspace**. They provide a 24 hour, **confidential** hotline, advocates and professionals to facilitate SART activation, access to legal resources, and individual and group counseling.

**Womanspace**  
1530 Brunswick Ave, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

**24 Hour Hotline:** 609-394-9000  
**Counseling Office:** 609-394-0136

**Womanspace** is friendly to the deaf community. Individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing can text **Womanspace** 24/7 at 609-619-1888.