Paul Smith's College – Victim's Bill of Rights

In accordance with NYS Education Law Article 129-B § 6443 "Students' Bill of Rights"; VAWA Pub. Law 113-4 and the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended 20 USC 1092 (The Jeanne Clery Act) Paul Smith's College has adopted the following Victim's Bill of Rights.

All Paul Smith's College community members have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure by the institution;
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from the institution courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
6. Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few institution representatives as practicable and not be required description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by the institution, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the institution;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an advisor of choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process; and
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of the institution.

Paul Smith's College will provide upon request the Annual Security Report, Annual Fire Report and all campus crime statistics as reported to the United States Department of Education. The statistics are available on the US Department of Education website http://ope.ed.gov/security/ or on the college website

http://www.paulsmiths.edu/campussafety/files/2016/03/campus_security_report-11xsg44.pdf

You can also request a printed copy of the report by contacting the Director of Campus Safety at 518-327-6300 or the Clery Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at 518-327-6451.

REPORTING AND SUPPORT

At Paul Smith's College we strictly prohibit the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking.

If you have experience or witness sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking you can report the crime to any campus security authority (CSA's can be found in the Annual Security Report or online at paulsmiths.edu). You can also report any of these crimes or concerns to Campus Safety, the Title IX Coordinator, Residence Life Staff, including Residence Assistants or the Vice President of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

You have the right to make a report to campus safety, local law enforcement, and/or state police or choose not to report; to report the incident to your institution; to be protected by the institution from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from your institution.

Confidential Reporting Options

Compliance with State and Federal regulations require that certain individuals report certain crimes including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking to the colleges Clery Coordinator for inclusion in the Annual Security Report Crime Statistics. In Addition Title IX requires Responsible individuals report any instance of sexual harassment they are made aware of to the colleges Title IX Coordinator to investigate and/or seek resolution. Paul Smith's College offices and employees who cannot guarantee confidentiality will maintain your privacy to the greatest extent possible. Completely confidential reports can be made to the following individuals who are exempt from these reporting requirements. College licensed health services professionals, licensed counselors, or members of the clergy when acting within those roles.

To Report a Crime

Campus Safety 518-327-6300 – Campus Safety Office
Title IX Coordinator Teresa Gay 518-327-6451 – Administration Building Rm 001– tgay@paulsmiths.edu

Confidential Reporting

Counseling Center 518-327-6358

Off Campus Resources

Adirondack Medical Center 518-891-4141
NY Sexual Assault Hotline 1-844-845-7269
Planned Parenthood Sexual Assault Hotline 1-877-212-2323
Planned Parenthood, Saranac Lake, NY Office 1-518-891-0046
STOP Domestic Violence Hotline 1-888-563-6904
National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233