

PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NOTICE OF
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT VICTIM'S RIGHTS

Any student or employee who reports an incident of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or who is accused of committing such acts, whether the incident occurred on or off campus, shall receive a written explanation of their rights and options related to changes in academic, parking, and working arrangements, when requested and when reasonably available. Those rights and options are as follows:

- Go to court, and to file a domestic abuse complaint requesting an order restraining your attacker from abusing you, and/or an order directing your attacker to leave your household, building, school, college, or workplace;
- Seek a criminal complaint for threats, assault and battery, or other related offenses;
- Seek medical treatment (if on campus, the police will arrange transportation for you to the nearest hospital or otherwise assist you in obtaining medical treatment if you wish);
- Request the police remain at the scene until your safety is otherwise ensured;
- Request that a police officer assist you (if you are on campus) by arranging transportation or by taking you to a safe place, such as a shelter or a family or friend's residence; and
- Obtain a copy of the police incident report at no cost from the police department.
- Victims will have the opportunity to request prompt proceedings and that a fair, and impartial investigation and resolution will occur
- College officials will treat the incident seriously and that the incident will be investigated and adjudicated by appropriate criminal and/or College officials.
- Proceedings shall be conducted by officials trained on sexual assault and other intimate partner violence issues. And shall use the “preponderance of the evidence” standard (which is “more likely than not” and the standard used by civil courts in the United States).
- Victims will be treated with dignity, respect, and in a non-judgmental manner.
- College officials will inform victims of their option to notify appropriate law enforcement authorities, including College Police, on-campus security and local police, and offer assistance in notifying proper authorities when an individual discloses an incident of sexual misconduct.
- College personnel will not discourage anyone from reporting, nor encourage them to under-report or report the incident as a lesser crime.
- College personnel will cooperate in obtaining, securing and maintaining evidence (including a medical examination) necessary for legal/criminal proceedings.
- College officials will prohibit retaliation and will not only take steps to prevent retaliation but also take strong responsive action if it occurs. They will also follow up with complaints to determine whether any retaliation or new incidents of harassment have

occurred.

- Victims are provided with written notification of on and off campus available services for mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other available community resources.
- Orders of protection issued by courts are fully upheld on all College-owned, used, and controlled property. Therefore, if any member of the College community obtains an order of protection or restraining order, he or she should promptly inform College Police and provide College Police with a copy of that order, so that the College can enforce it. If the College Police Department determines that an individual's presence on campus poses a danger to one or more members of the College community, College Police can issue an institutional No Contact or No Trespass Order barring that individual from College property.
- Victims will be afforded the opportunity to request immediate on-campus steps to prevent unnecessary or unwanted contact or proximity to an alleged perpetrator when reasonably available.

Victims are informed that they are entitled to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by an advisor of their choice, knowing that the accused also has the same opportunity to have others present during any proceeding (the College may deny both parties and advocate or support person).

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____