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**GBV AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT REPORTING**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Sexual harassment reporting at LUANAR covers an alleged sexual harassment and/or Gender based violence violation  involving a member of the LUANAR community or a visitor to LUANAR. The [LUANAR Gende](https://www.amherst.edu/offices/student-affairs/community-standards/college-standards/examples-of-sexual-misconduct)r policy prohibits sexual misconduct of various forms, including, but not limited to:

Sexual harassment Sexual violence

Gender-based harassment Intimate partner violence.

Stalking Intimidation

Verbal and emotional abuse Retaliation.

**Q: Who can use the reporting form?**  
**A:** Anyone (parent, victim, witness etc)  
  
**Q: What happens when I submit the report?**  
**A:** The report is delivered to the Gender Coordinating Unit for review. The Unit/office will assess the harm to an individual, as well as his/her anonymity and confidentiality.  
  
**Q: Will the Gender Coordinating Unit contact me?**  
**A:** If you provide your name and your contact information, yes. We will want to acknowledge and follow-up on your report, check-in with you to learn what resources and support you might want or need, and make sure that you have been provided important information about options and next steps.

**Q: What does NOT happen when I submit the report?**  
**A:** This form does not initiate a legal proceeding, under the University’s [Sexual Misconduct code](https://www.amherst.edu/offices/student-affairs/community-standards/community-standards-processes/Sexual-Misconduct-Adjudication-Process) of the alleged behaviour. The form provides you with an opportunity to provide the Gender Coordinating Unit with information related to sexual misconduct. The report will initiate a [review](https://www.amherst.edu/offices/student-affairs/community-standards/college-standards/examples-of-sexual-misconduct#TitleIXReview). If you are a person who believes they have experienced sexual misconduct by a current LUANAR student, faculty, or staff member, you may, if you choose, file a complaint to initiate a legal process. Information about this procedure can be found in Section of the Students Rules and Regulations.

**Q: I am not sure if I should file this report. Can I talk to someone about my questions without providing details about the information I’m considering reporting?**  
**A:** Absolutely. The Coordinator of the Gender Coordinating Unit, The Director of Student Affairs, Assistant Registrar-Student Welfare, Wardens and the Security Officer would be happy to speak with you to answer all of your questions. You do not need to provide us with information about the report in order to get your questions answered!

**Q: Do I have to provide my name?**  
**A:** No. You can elect to report anonymously now. You can also provide your name now and later request to the coordinator that your identifying information be kept confidential. When requests for confidentiality are made, the coordinator’s response will be guided by the **Students Rules and Regulations**