

Victims and Bystanders

In efforts to prioritize student safety and reduce potential barriers to reporting medical emergencies, crimes, or any situation which compromises community safety, Northwest University will not pursue the standard disciplinary action in the following situations:

1. **Victims** of sexual or physical assault will not be subject to the standard disciplinary action for violations that may have occurred at the time of the assault or violations that were revealed by the victim during the course of investigation.*

2. As a community of responsibility and care, **student bystanders** are expected to notify university personnel when a student is in need of emergency medical attention, or if the bystander witnesses criminal conduct or any situation compromising community safety. University judicial officers will practice reasonable leniency for all bystanders who committed violations to the community lifestyle standards, but who also reported or assisted during an emergency situation.*

**Students are still subject to federal, state and local laws. The University will fully comply with any related criminal investigation(s) and cannot provide immunity from criminal prosecution.*