





## GENERAL INFORMATION

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What is meant by sexual violence?

Sexual violence is any sexual act or any act targeting a person's sexuality, gender identity or gender expression that is committed, threatened, or attempted against a person without the person's consent.

Sexual violence includes but is not limited to the following:

Sexual assault	Touching someone in a sexual way without their consent
Sexual harassment	Unwelcome comments or gestures of a sexual nature that detrimentally affect a person's working, learning or living environment or lead to adverse consequences for the person subjected to the harassment
Stalking	Repeatedly following or communicating with a person (in person or online) in such a way that they feel fearful or threatened
Voyeurism	Watching, photographing, or filming a person for a sexual purpose without their consent, in a location where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy
Distribution of sexually explicit images	Sharing sexually explicit images (photos or videos) of another person without their consent or sending another person sexually explicit images without their consent
Indecent exposure	Exposing one's body to another person for a sexual purpose without the person's consent, often in a public place
Stealthing	Removing a condom before or during sexual activity without consent

\*This definition of sexual violence has become standard in the North American post-secondary context. However, many of these behaviours (such as sexual harassment and stalking) continue to be normalized both in North America and internationally. Because of this, students may not recognize that a specific behaviour is considered sexual violence.

To access support through the SVSPO, a person's experience of harm doesn't have to strictly match one of these definitions. Our general advice is that if a person feels like the behaviour had a sexual or gendered component to it and they want to get support, they are welcome to connect with us.

## What is meant by consent?

SFU's Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy (GP44) defines consent as the clear, ongoing, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activities. Consent is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, either through words or actions.

Consent cannot be given by a person who is incapacitated, eg. a person who is asleep, unconscious, high, or drunk.

Consent can never be obtained through threats, coercion, or other pressure tactics.

Consent can be revoked at any time, regardless of whether other sexual activities or agreements have taken place.

Consent cannot be assumed based on previous interactions. Consenting to one kind of sexual activity does not mean that consent is given for another sexual activity.

Consent cannot be obtained if someone abuses a position of trust, power, or authority over another person.



## SVSPO SUPPORT SERVICES

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What kinds of support services does the SVSPO offer?

The SVSPO offers free, confidential support for SFU and FIC students, staff, and faculty who have experienced sexual violence, no matter where or when the incident(s) occurred or who was involved. We also assist SFU and FIC students, staff, and faculty who have witnessed sexual violence or who are providing support to someone else. People of all gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome.

The following are just some of the support services offered by the SVSPO:

- Personal emotional support
- Referrals to campus and community services, including SFU's Health & Counselling Services
- Assistance with requests for academic concessions or workplace accommodations at SFU or FIC
- Information about reporting options and assistance with accessing those options
- Personalized safety planning
- Transportation and accompaniment to the hospital, police or other emergency services

The SVSPO case managers adopt a survivor-centered approach, which means that they respect clients' decisions about their own needs and preferred course of action.

Who can get support through the SVSPO?

All SFU and FIC undergraduate and graduate students as well as all employees of SFU and FIC can get support through the SVSPO. A person's affiliation with SFU or FIC becomes more relevant if they wish to access other campus support services or reporting options.

What are the SVSPO's hours of operation?

The SVSPO offers support services Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm (Pacific Time), excluding statutory holidays. Appointments can be arranged outside of these hours by request.

\*Please note that the SVSPO does not offer 24/7 support. For more information, please contact the SVSPO at 604-291-5750 or visit our website at [www.sfu.ca/svs](http://www.sfu.ca/svs).



How can a student or employee connect with the SVSPO?

Support is available in multiple ways:

in-person

- at the SVSPO's physical location on the Burnaby campus (1301 West Mall Centre)
  - by appointment on any of SFU's three campuses, or
  - by appointment at a location off campus
- by phone, email, text, or Zoom.

People are welcome to connect with a case manager in whatever way they prefer:

Calling the SVSPO support line at 778.782.7233;

Emailing the SVSPO case managers at [sv-support@sfu.ca](mailto:sv-support@sfu.ca);

Connecting directly with a case manager through their confidential emails, or texting or calling a case manager at their cell numbers listed in the "[Meet Our Team](#)" section of the SVSPO's website.

Coming to a Zoom drop-in session. No appointment is necessary. Zoom drop-in sessions are held at the following times:

- Mondays and Thursdays: 10:30am-12:30pm (Pacific Time)
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 1:30-3:30pm (Pacific Time)
- To learn more about the Zoom drop-in sessions, visit:  
<https://www.sfu.ca/sexual-violence/contact-us.html>





\_\_\_\_\_ | Vancouver-based non-profit agency that offers a variety of multilingual support services including counselling and violence prevention programs | 604-254-9626

Does the SVSPO support students who are named in a sexual violence report or have been accused of sexual violence?

Yes. The SVSPO offers support and resources to SFU and FIC students, faculty, and staff who have been named in a sexual violence report (ie. Respondents). The SVSPO case managers coordinate their case loads to ensure that the same case manager is not working with the Complainant and Respondent for the same file.

Here are some the ways that SVSPO case managers can assist students who have been named in a sexual violence report:

- Information about the reporting process and what to expect
- Information on legal assistance
- Referrals to campus and community support services, such as Health & Counselling

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## MEDICAL CARE

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Where can International students get medical attention?

At SFU:

SFU and FIC students can get medical care through [Health & Counselling Services](#), which operates two medical clinics, on the Burnaby and Vancouver campuses. SFU medical clinics operate by appointment like a family doctor's office would, with some walk-in spots available and urgent same-day crisis support on site with a social worker, counsellor, nurse, or doctor. HSC does not offer forensic exams.



SVSPO case managers can help students who have been impacted by sexual violence to access medical care either at SFU or in the community.

Where can students get emergency contraception?

The Emergency Contraceptive Pill/Plan B is available at most pharmacies without a prescription.







How does a student report sexual violence to SFU?

If the person is an SFU student, an SVSPO case manager will take their report and confirm if the reported incident falls under SFU's Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy (GP 44).

If it isn't covered under the policy, the SVSPO case manager can explain alternate reporting