

# Gender Based Violence

## Reporting Options



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You have the choice and right to report, if you are experiencing or have experienced gender-based violence (GBV) such as sexual harassment, stalking, sexual assault, domestic abuse or image based (online) abuse,

The information below is a guidance.

The **Equally Safe Team** (EST) can support you to explore these options further. We work at your pace, respectful of your choice and decision.

### Police Reporting

If you or someone else is in immediate danger or feel unsafe, call 999 for an emergency response.

For non-emergency call 101 to report, or complete Police Scotland's [online form](#).

Further information on reporting to Police Scotland and what happens following making a police statement can be found here: [Contacting the police and victim support - mygov.scot](#) and [Advice & Information - Police Scotland](#)

If you have experience sexual assault or rape within the last 7 days, but are unsure about making a police report, you can contact [SARCS](#) for support from healthcare professionals and a gender-based violence specialist service. SARCS priority is your health and wellbeing, and you can also consider whether you would like SARCS to preserve forensic evidence.

It is also possible to report anonymously with [Crimestoppers](#).

## University Reporting

If you have experienced GBV from a UoE student, you can [request an investigation](#) under the code of student conduct by completing this [form](#) and sending it to [complaints@ed.ac.uk](mailto:complaints@ed.ac.uk)

If you have experienced GBV by a UoE staff member, you can make a complaint directly to the area concerned (including speaking to a trusted member of staff for assistance), or email [complaints@ed.ac.uk](mailto:complaints@ed.ac.uk) to submit your complaint. Further guidance: <https://shorturl.at/QSdbQ>

If the person who caused you harm is a student at a different university, you can make a complaint directly to their university under their code of student conduct/behaviour policy.

## Support to make a report

To talk through, and for support with making a report, contact the Equally Safe Team: [Report + Support - Report + Support - The University of Edinburgh](#) or, email us: [equallysafeteam@ed.ac.uk](mailto:equallysafeteam@ed.ac.uk)

You can also receive support from EUSA Advice Place, email: [advice@eusa.ed.ac.uk](mailto:advice@eusa.ed.ac.uk)

## Other options

There may be additional reporting options unique to your experience. The EST can support you to explore your individual circumstances and identify any additional reporting & support options available to you.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### Emergency services:

Call **999** for emergency response

Call **101** for Police in non-emergency

**University Security:** 0131 650 2257

### Crisis support:

**NHS 24 – 111** for critical mental and physical health support outside of GP opening hours

**Edinburgh Crisis Centre – 0808 8010 414** for mental health crisis support

**Breathing Space – 0800 538 587**  
support when you are feeling low, anxious, or depressed

**The Samaritans – 116 126** to talk about anything that's worrying you

### Specialist GBV support:

**The Equally Safe Team**, via [Report + Support - Report + Support - The University of Edinburgh](#)

**SARCS – 0800 148 8888** sexual assault response coordination centre

**Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre – 0131 556 9437**

**Abused Men in Scotland – 03300 949 395** (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm) for male domestic abuse support

**Edinburgh Women's Aid – 0131 315 8110** for female domestic abuse support

Additional local and national GBV support services: [edin.ac/GBV-support](http://edin.ac/GBV-support)