



Gender Based Violence Reporting Options

If you have experienced recent or historical gender-based violence (GBV), there are various reporting options available to you. The **Equally Safe Team** can support you to explore your choices, or you can use the information below to consider an option that feels right for you.

Police Reporting

If you would like to report your experience to Police Scotland, you can do so by attending a police station, calling 101, or filling out this [online form](#). In an emergency call 999.

For further information on the police reporting and legal processes, and what to expect at each stage, you can watch this [video](#).

Sexual Assault Response Co-ordination Service (SARCS) - NHS

If you have experienced a rape or sexual assault within the last 7 days, but are unsure whether you would like to make a police report at this time, you can contact [SARCS](#) to seek a [forensic medical examination](#) and access healthcare and support. Forensic evidence can be stored for 26 months, allowing you to take time with this decision.

Pre-reporting police meeting

If you have experienced a form of GBV and would like to meet with the police to learn more about criminal justice processes before deciding whether to formally report, you can contact the EST to request that a meeting is arranged with an officer.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Emergency services:

Call **999** for the Police or Ambulance service if you feel at risk of immediate harm or danger

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 – 0800 8010 414 for support if experiencing a mental health crisis

Breathing Space – 0800 538 587 if you're feeling low, anxious, or depressed

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

Specialist GBV support:

The Equally Safe Team – email equallysafeteam@ed.ac.uk to access the University's gender-based violence support team

SARCS – 0800 148 8888 within 7 days of an assault to access a forensic medical examination and sexual violence support

Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre – 0131 556 9437 for sexual violence support

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

For a comprehensive list of local and national GBV support services, please visit: edin.ac/GBV-support

Crimestoppers

If you would prefer not to request a police investigation at this stage, but would like the authorities to have knowledge of your experience anonymously for intelligence gathering purposes, you can share information regarding your experience 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

If you have experienced GBV by a UoE staff member, you can make a complaint directly to the area concerned (e.g head of school), or email complaints@ed.ac.uk to submit your complaint.

Please see the [complaints handling procedure](#) for more information.

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

For support in making such complaints against students or staff members, you can contact the Equally Safe Team at equallysafeteam@ed.ac.uk or the [EUSA Advice Place](#) at advice@eusa.ed.ac.uk to speak with an adviser who can guide you through the complaint process.

You can also contact the Equally Safe Team or the EUSA Advice Place if you would like to make a police complaint in relation to GBV and be supported through this journey.

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.

If you do not wish to formally report your experience to the university or to the police, but would like support in managing this, there are many [internal](#) and [external](#) support options available to you.