Care and Support for Students Who Report Sexual Misconduct—2015

This report provides data on the number of interim measures\(^1\) provided to students who made a report\(^2\) of sexual misconduct\(^3\) to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in the calendar year, January 1–December 31, 2015.

If the University receives a report of sexual misconduct, the University will provide interim measures. Interim measures are actions taken by the University in support of the student and in protection of the student’s educational access.

Total Number of Interim Measures: 94

- Assisted student in obtaining counseling support services: 30
- Assisted student in obtaining medical services: 17
- Provided academic support to the student: 32
- No-Contact Directive issued to the respondent\(^4\) (the identity of the respondent must be reported to provide a No-Contact Directive): 12
- Assisted with housing needs or relocation: 3

Interim Measures are available to students

- even if the student does not want to report to law enforcement
- even if the student does not want to participate in the University’s conduct process
- even if the student does not identify the respondent
- even if the respondent is not affiliated with the University
as needed and on an ongoing basis while the student is enrolled at the University.

During the first contact with the University, students are made aware of all available interim measures and reporting options, including filing a report with police and/or the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

The most common interim measures were tracked. Additional interim measures are available; in meeting with a member of the Sexual Assault Response Team, student’s options and needs are identified. A student may receive as many interim measures as the student accepts. This report does not reflect interim measures provided in 2015 to students who reported in previous calendar years.

Total Number of Students Assisted: 55
1. “Interim measures” is a term defined by University policy that identifies and provides for reasonable and appropriate measures, as determined by the University, which are designed to eliminate reported Prohibited Conduct and protect the persons involved in the matter (e.g., Complainant, Reporter, potential witnesses).

2. For the purposes of this data, a “report” means a report of sexual misconduct made to the Office of Conduct and Community Standards, the University of Tennessee Police Department, the Center for Health Education and Wellness, or the Office of Equity and Diversity during the 2015 calendar year. The data does not include reports of sexual misconduct made to confidential resources such as the Student Counseling Center.

3. “Sexual misconduct” is a term defined by University policy that encompasses sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and all other words and/or conduct that would constitute a sex offense crime.

4. “Respondent” is a term defined by University policy as a person or registered student organization who has been accused of committing prohibited conduct. This term does not imply prejudgment concerning whether the person or registered student organization committed prohibited conduct.

5. “First contact” is defined as contact with a member of the Sexual Assault Response Team, the Office of Equity and Diversity, the Office of Conduct and Community Standards, the Office of the Dean of Students, or the University of Tennessee Police Department. If a student reports to another mandatory reporter, the student will be connected with one of the offices above.

6. “Students assisted” includes cases of “student-on-student” sexual misconduct as well as students who report experiencing sexual misconduct by unaffiliated individuals. The numbers on this report are higher than in the “student-on-student” report as they include nonstudent respondents. It is important to note that students who reported in other calendar years are not reflected in these numbers, but are still able and often do receive continued support and interim measures from the University.