# Resource & Referral Options

## Confidential Resources

- **Contacting a confidential resource does not put UC Merced on formal notice**

  **CARE OFFICE** | CARE welcomes students, staff and faculty of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races/ethnicities, classes and abilities.
  
  **TEL:** 209-228-7939

  **CAMPUS ADVOCATE**
  
  Valara “Val” Villanueva
  
  **TEL:** 209-386-2051
  
  **EMAIL:** ucmcare@ucmerced.edu
  
  Located in Kolligian Library 107

  **VALLEY CRISIS CENTER**
  
  **TEL:** 209-722-4357 (24-hour hotline)
  
  **WEB:** valleycrisiscenter.org
  
  Located at 1960 P St. in Merced

  **COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS) students only**
  
  **TEL:** 209-228-4266 (24-hour hotline)
  
  **WEB:** counseling.ucmerced.edu
  
  Located in the Student Health Center

  **INSIGHT EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM employees only**
  
  **TEL:** 800-422-5322
  
  **WEB:** counseling.ucmerced.edu

  **OFFICE OF OMBUDS SERVICES**
  
  **TEL:** 209-228-4410
  
  **WEB:** ombuds.ucmerced.edu

  Located in Student Services Building 211

## Campus Administration Reporting

- **The goal is to prevent, correct, and when necessary, to discipline behavior that violates the UC Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence**

  **SEXUAL HARASSMENT/TITLE IX OFFICER**
  
  Michael Z. Salvador
  
  **TEL:** 209-285-9510
  
  **EMAIL:** Msalvador2@ucmerced.edu
  
  **WEB:** dsvp.ucmerced.edu

  One can also report to any UC Merced manager or supervisor

  **STUDENT CONDUCT**
  
  **TEL:** 209-228-5433
  
  **WEB:** studentlife.ucmerced.edu/content/student-judicial-affairs

  Located in the Office of Student Life

  These entities are obligated to, in turn, notify the Title IX officer.

## Medical Assistance

- **A survivor can seek medical care to test for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy or physical injury.**

  Please note that medical staff must report sexual or domestic violence to law enforcement, but that does not mean a survivor has to file a report if they do not want to. Patients have a right to a support person at a medical exam.

  **Forensic Exam:** To obtain a free forensic exam also known as a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) exam, contact the campus advocate, Valley Crisis Center, or UC Merced Police Department (UCMPD). The forensic exam collects evidence for a criminal investigation. The exam is time sensitive and it can have evidentiary value. Clothing worn during the assault may also have evidence if the survivor chooses to proceed with a criminal investigation.

  **Jane Doe SART kit:** This kit is collected like a regular SART exam. However, the survivor does not need to identify themselves and can remain anonymous until they want to proceed with the investigation process. UCMPD will store the kit until the survivors decide to press charges. UCMPD can store clothing while a survivor decides if they want to move forward with an investigation. For more information, contact the Campus Advocate.

## Legal Authorities Reporting

- **Survivors have the legal right to have an advocate present when reporting to police.**

  Police officers are available to answer questions, take reports, and refer to appropriate jurisdiction, depending on where the crime took place.

  **UC MERCED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**
  
  **TEL:** 911 (emergency) or 209-228-2677 (non-emergency)
  
  **WEB:** police.ucmerced.edu

## CARE: Campus Advocacy, Resources and Education

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