

Rights and Resources for Survivors of:

Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence & Stalking



Provided by the Sul Ross State University Police Department

**SRSU UPD for Emergencies 911, non-emergency 432.837.8100; Briscoe Administration
Building Room 100**



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“ You may call the law enforcement agency’s telephone number for the status of the case and information about the victims’ rights”

As Required by: [Chapter 56.07 “Notification” of Texas Code of Criminal Procedures](#)

“Puede llamar al numero de telefono de la agencia de policia para conocer el estado del caso y informacion sobre los derechos de la victima(o)”

Segun lo requerido por: [Capitulo 56.07 “Notificacion” delCodigo de Procedimiento Penal de Texas](#)

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY Alpine, TX Campus **Sexual Misconduct Resources**

Confidential Resources

Counselor 432-837-8203, Ferguson Hall Room 112,

Director of Counseling and Accessibility Services: Mary Schwartz Grisham, M.Ed., LPC, 432-837-8203, Ferguson Hall Room 112, email mschwartz@sulross.edu

Area Resources - Alpine

SRSU UPD: for Emergencies 911, non-emergency 432.837.8100; Briscoe Administration Building Room 100

Title IX Coordinator: Karlin DeVoll, 432.837.8652; Briscoe Administration Building Room 110, email kdevoll@sulross.edu

Student Health Services: Morgan University Center Room 211, phone 432-837-8102

Family Crisis Center of Alpine 432.837.7254 or 1.800.834.0654; 606 North 5th Street

Alpine Police Department: 911 for Emergencies, non-emergency 432.837.3486; 309 W. Sul Ross

Brewster County Sheriff's Office: 911 for Emergencies, non-emergency 432.837.3488; 201 W. Avenue E

Big Bend Regional Medical Center: 432.837.3447; 2600 N. Hwy 118

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY Del Rio, TX Campus **Sexual Misconduct Resources**

Title IX Deputy Coordinator: Delia Ramirez, 830-703-4801, Del Rio Campus,
email dramirez@sulross.edu

Southwest Texas Junior College Police Department: 830-335-1593 or Emergency
Line: 830-279-1861

Val Verde County Sherriff's Office, 295 FM, phone 830-774-7513

Del Rio Police Department, 101 Lowe Dr., phone 830-774-2711

Val Verde Regional Medical Center, 801 N. Bedell Ave., phone 830-775-8566

Stat Specialty Hospital, 2600 Veterans Blvd., phone 830-498-3000

Baptist Child & Family Services, 712 E. Gibbs St., phone 830-768-2755, hotline
800-830-2246

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY Eagle Pass, TX Campus **Sexual Misconduct Resources**

Title IX Deputy Coordinator: Delia Ramirez, 830-703-4801, Del Rio Campus,
email dramirez@sulross.edu

Southwest Texas Junior College Police Department: 830-335-1592 or
Emergency Line: 830-279-1861

Maverick County Sherriff's Office, 1051 Balboa-Jones Blvd., phone 830-773-
2321

Eagle Pass Police Department, 110 S. Monroe St., phone 830-773-9044

Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center, 3333 N. Foster Maldonado Blvd., phone
830-773-5321

[Stat Emergency Center](#), 2114 N Veterans Blvd., phone 830-522-3000

[Winter Garden Women's Shelter](#), 465 Ferry St., phone 830-757-5188

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY Uvalde, TX Campus Sexual Misconduct Resources

[Title IX Deputy Coordinator](#): Delia Ramirez, 830-703-4801, Del Rio Campus,
email dramirez@sulross.edu

[Southwest Texas Junior College Police Department](#): 830-591-7333 or
Emergency Line: 830-279-1861

[Uvalde County Sherriff's Office](#), 339 King Fisher Ln., phone 830-278-4111

[Uvalde Police Department](#), 964 W. Main St., phone 830-278-9147

[Uvalde Memorial Hospital](#), 1025 Garner Field Rd., phone 830-278-6251

[South Texas Urgent Care](#), 3040 E. Main St Z., phone 830-278-1166

[Southwest Family Life Center](#), 400 S Getty St., phone 830-278-1067

State National Resources

[Texas Association Against Sexual Assault \(TAASA\)](#), 7700 Chevy Chase Drive,
Suite 230, Austin, Texas 78752, phone 512-474-7190, Victim Assistance 1-
844-303-SAFE (7233)

[Texas Department of Public Safety Victim Services](#), P.O. Box 4087, Austin,
Texas 78773, phone 512-424-2211

[National Sexual Assault Hotline](#), phone *1-800-656-HOPE* (4673)

[National Domestic Violence Hotline](#), phone 1-800-799-7233

STATE OF TEXAS VICTIM RIGHTS

Reference: [Chapter 56 of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure](#)

A victim of crime is defined by Chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as (1) someone who is the victim of sexual assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery or who has suffered bodily injury or death because of the criminal conduct of another, (2) the close relative (spouse, parent, adult brother or sister, or child) of a deceased victim or (3) the guardian of a victim. The law also applies to victims of juvenile crime, including victims who suffer property loss.

The State of Texas intends that victims of crime receive the following safeguards, assurances and considerations:

- Receive adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts;
- Have their safety considered by the magistrate when setting bail;
- Receive information, on request, of relevant court proceedings, including appellate proceedings, of cancellations and rescheduling prior to the event, and appellate court decisions after the decisions are entered but before they are made public;
- Be informed, when requested, by a peace officer about the defendant's right to bail and criminal investigation procedures, and from the prosecutor's office about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea agreements, restitution, appeals and parole;
- Provide pertinent information concerning the impact of the crime to the probation department prior to sentencing;
- Information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and payment for a medical examination for a victim of sexual assault, and, on request, referral to social service agencies that provide additional assistance;
- Information, on request, about parole procedures; notification of parole proceedings and of the inmate's release; and the opportunity to participate in the parole process by submitting written information to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file for consideration by the Board prior to parole;
- A separate or secure waiting area at all public court proceedings;
- Prompt return of any property that is no longer needed as evidence;
- Have the prosecutor notify, upon request, an employer that the need for the victim's testimony may involve the victim's absence from work;
- On request, counseling and testing regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for victims of sexual assault
- Request victim-offender mediation coordinated by the Victim Services Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- Be informed of the use and purpose of a victim impact statement, to complete a victim impact statement and to have the statement considered before sentencing and acceptance of a plea bargain and before an inmate is released on parole.
 - A victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim may be present at all public court proceedings, with the consent of the presiding judge;
 - A judge, attorney for the state, peace officer, or law enforcement agency is not liable for a failure or inability to provide a service enumerated herein.
 - Victims should also know that they can have a victim advocate accompany them during the sexual assault exam if an advocate is available at the time of the examination.
 - Please call your crime victim services contacts in law enforcement and the prosecutor's office for more information about victim services in your community

STATE OF TEXAS CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION

Reference: [Chapter 56 of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure](#)

Crime doesn't pay, but in Texas, criminals do. Texas courts collect court costs from convicted offenders for the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. If you are a victim of violent crime, you may be eligible for benefits.

Please read the pages on eligibility and reimbursable expenses before filling out an application for Crime Victims' Compensation. Please understand that the statute does not provide for the reimbursement of property damage or losses due to property crimes.

General Program Information

In 1979, the Texas Legislature passed the Crime Victims' Compensation Act, creating the Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund and the Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Program. The primary purpose of the Fund is encouraging greater victim participation in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals and reimbursing innocent victims for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of violent crime. The Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) Program is supported through a legislative appropriation from the Compensation to Victims of Crime Fund. Revenue for the Fund is collected from convicted offenders through criminal court costs, fees, and fines, while victims of violence are assisted with expenses related to the crime. The Fund receives revenue from the following sources:

- **State Court Costs:**

Local governmental submit consolidated court costs to the comptroller for felony and misdemeanor convictions.

- **Parolee Supervision Fees:**

Offenders on parole pay \$8 per month to the Fund. The state's parole officers are to be credited for their efforts to collect these fees from parolees.

- **Donations:**

Jurors are provided information about the Fund and are offered the option of donating their daily reimbursements to the Fund.

- **Subrogation:**

By statute, the Attorney General must ask that the victim or claimant reimburse the Fund for the amount paid on behalf of the victim, up to the amount of the civil award, when a crime victim is awarded money in a civil suit.

- **Federal VOCA Grant :**

The federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) allows the collection of fines, fees and forfeitures for federal convictions.

- **Restitution:**

Offenders may be ordered to reimburse the Fund for compensation payments made on behalf of those they have victimized.

The Crime Victims' Compensation Program is administered by the Office of the Attorney General and is dedicated to ensuring that victims of violent crime are provided financial assistance for crime-related expenses that cannot be reimbursed by insurance or other sources.

State law requires that reimbursement first be sought from other sources, such as health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, auto insurance, or Texas Workers Compensation. CVC program staff assists applicants in coordinating the use of all available resources.

Claims may be approved for benefits up to a total of \$50,000. Individuals who suffer total and permanent disability as a result of the crime may qualify for an additional \$75,000, which may be used for specific and limited expenses, such as lost wages, prosthetics, rehabilitation or making a home accessible, depending upon the law in effect on the crime date.

The financial assistance may be limited or unavailable depending on laws in effect when the crime occurred and is dependent upon the applicant providing necessary and required documentation.

For More Information contact your local law enforcement agency's Crime Victim Liaison or Victim Assistance Coordinator. Or, e-mail: crimevictims@texasattorneygeneral.gov or Call (800) 983-9933 or (512) 936-1200

NOTICE TO ADULT VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

Reference: **Chapter 5 of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure**

It is a crime for any person to cause you any physical injury or harm EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD.

Please tell the investigating peace officer:

IF you, your child, or any other household resident has been injured; or

IF you feel you are going to be in danger when the officer leaves or later.

You have the right to:

ASK the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person committing family violence; and APPLY to a court for an order to protect you (you should consult a legal aid office, a prosecuting attorney, or a private attorney). If a family or household member assaults you and is arrested, you may request that a magistrate's order for emergency protection be issued. Please inform the investigating officer if you want an order for emergency protection. You need not be present when the order is issued. You cannot be charged a fee by a court in connection with filing, serving, or entering a protective order.

For example, the court can enter an order that:

- (1) the abuser not commit further acts of violence;
- (2) the abuser not threaten, harass, or contact you at home;
- (3) directs the abuser to leave your household; and
- (4) establishes temporary custody of the children and directs the abuser not to interfere with the children or any property. A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF COURT-ORDERED PROTECTION (such as (1) and (2) above) MAY BE A FELONY. CALL THE FOLLOWING VIOLENCE SHELTERS OR SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS IF YOU NEED PROTECTION:


Family Crisis Center of Big Bend 24 HOUR HOTLINE 1-800-8340654

AVISO A LAS VÍCTIMAS ADULTAS DE VIOLENCIA FAMILIAR

Es un delito que cualquier persona le cause lesiones físicas o daños, INCLUSO SI LA PERSONA ES MIEMBRO O UN MIEMBRO ANTERIOR DE SU FAMILIA O SU HOGAR.

Por favor dígame al oficial de paz que investiga: SI usted, su hijo o cualquier otro residente del hogar ha sido lesionado; o

SI sientes que estarás en peligro cuando el oficial se vaya o más tarde. Usted tiene derecho a:



WHERE TO REPORT?

TITLE IX COORDINATOR

KARLIN DEVOLL (DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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LOCATION: BRISCOE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOM 110

Pídale al fiscal local que presente una denuncia penal contra la persona que comete violencia familiar; y SOLICITE en un tribunal una orden para protegerlo (debe consultar a una oficina de asistencia jurídica, a un fiscal o a un abogado privado). Si un miembro de la familia o del hogar lo agrede y lo arrestan, puede solicitar que se emita una orden de protección de emergencia de un magistrado. Por favor, informe al oficial de investigación si desea una orden de protección de emergencia. No es necesario estar presente cuando se emite la orden.

Un tribunal no puede cobrarle una tarifa en relación con la presentación, notificación o entrada de una orden de protección.

Por ejemplo, el tribunal puede ingresar una orden que:

- (1) el abusador no cometa más actos de violencia;
- (2) el abusador no lo amenace, hostigue ni se ponga en contacto con usted en su hogar;
- (3) ordena al abusador que abandone su hogar; y
- (4) establece la custodia temporal de los niños y le ordena al abusador que no interfiera con los niños o cualquier propiedad.

UNA VIOLACIÓN DE CIERTAS DISPOSICIONES DE PROTECCIÓN ORDENADA POR EL TRIBUNAL (tales como (1) y (2) arriba) PUEDE SER UNA FELONÍA. LLAME A LAS SIGUIENTES REFUGIOS DE VIOLENCIA O A LAS ORGANIZACIONES SOCIALES SI NECESITA PROTECCIÓN:

Family Crisis Center of Big Bend 24 HOUR HOTLINE 1-800-8340654

TITLE IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination in educational programs and activities. No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program of activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Texas Law also prohibits gender discrimination and sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment (which includes sexual violence and assault) is a form of sex discrimination and therefore a violation of Title IX. Specific behaviors that are prohibited by Title IX include rape, sexual

What is Sexual Misconduct?

Broad Term: Encompassing a range of non-consensual sexual activity or unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes, but is not limited to Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Intimidation, Sexual Harassment, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking. Sexual Misconduct can be committed by men or women, strangers or acquaintances, and can occur between people of the same or opposite sex.

assault, sexual battery, sexual exploitation, and other form of non-consensual sexual activity; stalking; and relationship violence. Many behaviors that violate Title IX also constitute crimes. Complainants have the right to notification of options for interim safety measures, if requested and if changes are

reasonably available. A formal complaint, or investigation, campus or criminal, is not required before this option is available.

About FCCBS

The Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Inc. (FCCBB) provides FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services to survivors of:

Family Violence

Dating Violence

Sexual Assault

Violent Crime

Who live, work or attend school in Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Terrell or Pecos Counties

FCCBB supports all survivors of abuse and violence. We value our community's diversity and each individual's rights to dignity and respect.

MISSION

To strengthen communities by empowering individuals.

Our purpose is to eliminate family and sexual violence through community education, crisis intervention services and advocacy to survivors

Confidential **Resources**

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Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend

24/ Hour Hotline 1-800-834-0654



Important Contact Numbers

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