

Safety Alert

Reported Sexual Misconduct

We are issuing this in compliance with the "Timely Warning" provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The Clery Act requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about reported crimes on and near their respective campuses, including timely warnings of crimes that may represent a threat to the safety of students or employees.

Date of Incident: 10/20/2021

Description: Skidmore College Campus Safety has received a report of a sexual assault/ Fondling on 10/22/2021. *The reported sexual assault was committed by an unknown individual in Jonsson Tower elevator during the morning hours of 10/20/2021.*

If you have any information:

Please contact Skidmore College Campus Safety at (518)580-5567

The only person responsible for sexual misconduct is the perpetrator. **Each of us is responsible for helping to create a safe environment free of all forms of harassment and assault. Therefore:**

1. Skidmore College does not tolerate sexual misconduct.
2. Skidmore College encourages reporting.
3. As a campus we will respond swiftly and appropriately to reports of sexual misconduct in order to protect individuals and the campus community. Skidmore College does not tolerate acts of retaliation. Victims will be protected from retaliation.
4. Skidmore College encourage all members of the community to be mindful of their own and others' safety at all times. Risk reduction strategies are available at https://www.skidmore.edu/campus_safety/programs/index.php.

Reporting Options

Students can choose to report incidents of sexual misconduct through the Title IX Coordinator **Joel Aure (518)580-5708, Campus Safety (518)580-5566, the Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs Adrian Bautista (518)580-5760** or off-campus by calling the **Saratoga Springs Police Department at (518)584-1800. A report to any non-confidential campus official will initiate a notification to the Title IX Coordinator.**

Skidmore College strives to promote an environment where mutual respect, communication, cultural competency, understanding, and awareness are the basis for any sexual behavior or activity. Unwelcome sexual contact of any form is a violation of students' personal integrity and their right to a safe environment and therefore violates Skidmore's values.

Please see Skidmore's Sexual Misconduct Policy for more information on Sexual Misconduct, Community Expectations and Affirmative Consent

<http://www.skidmore.edu/sqbm/policy/index.php>

Sexual Misconduct Information & Support

Affirmative Consent maintains the value that all persons have the right to feel respected, acknowledged, and safe during sexual activity.

PLEASE KNOW:

- Sexual misconduct is any sexual activity that occurs in the absence of effective consent.
- Most perpetrators assault someone they know. Sexual misconduct occurs in all communities and people of all genders can be survivors.
- Responsibility lies with the perpetrator, not the survivor - no one deserves, asks for, or provokes sexual misconduct.
- Sexual misconduct can include sexual activity with someone whose judgment is impaired by alcohol and drugs, whether ingested voluntarily or unknowingly. Alcohol often is used by perpetrators to facilitate sexual misconduct.
- As a Skidmore community member, you have the right and responsibility to step in if you are concerned for someone's safety. YOU can make a difference! For more information on how to intervene, visit <https://www.skidmore.edu/sgbm/preventing.php#bystander>

HELP AND SUPPORT:

On-Campus Confidential Support:

Counseling Center: First Floor of Jonsson Tower; (518)580-5555

Health Services: First Floor of Jonsson Tower; (518)580-5550

On-Campus Anonymous Support:

Victim Advocates: Department of Health Promotion, First Floor Wiecking Hall (518)580-5684

Off-Campus Confidential Community Services:

Saratoga Hospital: (518)583-8313

Wellspring: (518)584-8188

Peer to Peer Anonymous Advocacy & Support

Student Wellness Center: 3rd Floor Case Center

- In-Person Hours: Generally Monday – Friday 10am to 5pm**

****Check the Student Wellness Center Door for exact schedule**

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If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual misconduct or triggered by this alert, please reach out to the resources listed above. Support and assistance are available!