

**Rights of Victims and the Institution's  
Responsibilities for Court Orders of Protection**

**PROTECTIVE ORDERS, CRIMINAL/CIVIL  
PROSECUTION AND RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS**

Where applicable, a victim may have the right to be notified of protection orders, no contact orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court, or by the college.

- Emergency Protective Orders issued by a judicial officer upon request by a peace officer.
- Temporary Restraining Orders issued by the Tulare County Superior Court, South County Justice Center, 300 E. Olive, Porterville Ca 93257, 559-782-3700.
- Criminal Prosecution: Tulare County Superior Court, South County Justice Center, 300 E. Olive, Porterville Ca 93257, 559-782-3700.
- Civil Prosecution: Tulare County Superior Court, South County Justice Center, 300 E. Olive, Porterville Ca 93257, 559-782-3700.
- Rights of Crime Victims: Victims of crime have many rights throughout the criminal justice system. Further information can be obtained at Tulare County District Attorney's Office-Victim Advocate, 221 S. Mooney Blvd., RM 264, Visalia, CA 93291, 559-636-5471.

Campus Orders of Protection: the college may take measures to protect a complainant who reports being the victim of these crimes. Contact the Human Resource Manager/Title IX Coordinator 559-791-2457.

**Inquiries Concerning the Application of these Policies**

Inquiries may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or to the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

For further information, visit:

<https://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm>

For the address and phone number of the U.S. Department of Education office that serves your area, or call: 800.421.3481

**Brochures**



The following is a sampling of some of the brochures offered by our office:

- Elder Abuse [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Victim/Witness Assistance Overview [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Dating Violence & Teens [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Child Abuse Response Team (CART) [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Home Foreclosure Fraud [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Workers' Compensation Fraud [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Auto Insurance Fraud [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Human Trafficking [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- Rural Crime Program [English](#)
- Owner Applied Numbering (OAN) [English](#)
- Dangers of Social Media [English](#)
- Victim Impact Statement [English](#)
- Anti-Bullying Awareness [English](#)
- Welfare Fraud [English](#) | [Spanish](#)



**PORTERVILLE  
COLLEGE**

Porterville College  
Department of Public Safety  
SM-SS 102A

Office: 559 791 2440  
Emergencies: 911

**Available Support Resources**

**Title IX Coordinator**

**Anne VanDerHorst**  
Manager Human Resources & Title IX Coordinator  
[avanderh@portervillecollege.edu](mailto:avanderh@portervillecollege.edu) 559-791-2457

**On-campus Resources**

**Director of Student Services**  
**Diane Thompson**  
[dithomps@portervillecollege.edu](mailto:dithomps@portervillecollege.edu) 559-791-2278

**Student Health and Wellness Center** 559-791-2212  
**National Domestic Violence Hotline** 1-800-799-7233

**Health & Counseling Services**  
Employee Assistance Program 1-800-999-7222

**Department of Public Safety (DPS)**  
Program Manager 559-791-2440  
DPS Officer 559-310-2143

**Annual Security and Fire Safety Report**  
<https://www.portervillecollege.edu/security/safety-security>  
**Off-campus Resources**

**Police Information**  
Porterville Area 911  
Porterville Police 559-782-7400

**Medical Treatment**  
Sierra View District Hospital 559-784-1110  
Kaweah Delta Health Care District 559-624-2000

**National Sexual Assault Hotline** 800-656-4673

**National Domestic Violence Hotline** 800-799-7233

**Porterville College  
Know Your Rights**

**Title IX**

**Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence**



Porterville College prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking (as defined by the Clery Act) and reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a campus environment that emphasizes the dignity and worth of all members of the college community. If you have experienced sexual discrimination, and/or sexual violence (including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking) in particular, this brochure includes some things you should know about your rights.

Porterville College is committed to maintaining an environment conducive to learning for all students and a professional workplace for its employees; as such, we take active measures against and prohibit all discrimination, discriminatory harassment, and sexual harassment, including any type of violence or misconduct.

**Reporting Incidents of Sexual Misconduct**

Victims of Sexual Misconduct are encouraged to report crimes to DPS: 559-791-2440; the Title IX Coordinator: 559-791-2457 and or local Police or Sheriff Department by calling 911.

## Porterville College Will Respond Promptly and Effectively to Sexual Violence

- You have the right to report the incident to Porterville College, have Porterville College investigate what happened, and have your complaint resolved promptly and equitably.
- You have the right to choose to report an incident of sexual violence to College officials and/or local law enforcement. A criminal investigation does not relieve Porterville College of its duty under Title IX to respond promptly and effectively to a complaint of sexual harassment or sexual violence. DPS will assist victims in facilitating a report to the police, should they choose to do so.
- Porterville College has published policies and procedures prohibiting sexual misconduct and for reporting complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual violence.

## Accommodations and Protective Measures Available for Victims

During the investigation and prior to the final determination, the College may take appropriate interim measures to protect the parties involved. Interim measures can be requested by any involved party, or can be imposed by the College. Such measures may include changes to academic, living, or working situations, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to law enforcement.

## Porterville College Prohibits Retaliation

- Retaliation against someone who files a complaint or who participates in an investigation is strictly prohibited by College policy and by law.
- You have the right to report any retaliation by College employees, the alleged perpetrator, and/or other students. Porterville College will take strong responsive action if retaliation occurs.
- **The College will provide students and employees with written notification of victim services that are available within the institution and the community.**

## Confidential Support Services

### Porterville College Will Conduct an Adequate, Reliable, and Impartial Investigation

- Both parties have the right to be notified of the timeframes for all major stages of the investigation.
- Both parties have the right to present witnesses and evidence.

- Both parties have the right to be accompanied at all hearings and meetings by an advisor of their choice.
- Porterville College must resolve your complaint based on what College officials believe is more likely than not to have happened based upon an investigation (this is called a preponderance-of-the-evidence standard of proof). Porterville College will not use a higher standard of proof.
- You have the right to be notified in writing of the outcome of your complaint and any appeal, including any sanctions that directly relate to you.
- The appeal process is equally available for both parties.
- You have the right to review any proceedings documented, which may include written findings of fact, transcripts, or audio recordings.

## Porterville College Will Provide Remedies as Necessary

- If an investigation reveals that sexual harassment/sexual violence created a hostile environment, Porterville College must take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the sexual harassment/sexual violence, eliminate the hostile environment, prevent its recurrence, and, as appropriate, remedy its effects.
- Appropriate remedies will generally include disciplinary action against the perpetrator, but may also include remedies to help you get your education and/or professional situation back on track (e.g., academic support, retaking a class without penalty, changing working location or conditions, and counseling). These remedies are in addition to any interim measures you received.
- Porterville College may also determine that it's most appropriate to provide remedies for the broader student or employee population (such as training) or change its services or policies to prevent such incidents from repeating.

## If you believe that you are a victim of sexual discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, or rape at Porterville College, know that you have the following rights:

- To receive basic information about services designed to assist you.
- To seek, or have sought on your behalf, as soon as possible counseling and medical attention at the Student Health and Wellness Center (for students), through the employee assistance program (for employees), or elsewhere as needed, including at the nearest hospital emergency room.
- To report the crime to the Department of Public Safety and/or the Porterville Police Department.

- To be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding held.
- To have the option of changing your academic, work, and/or living situations if so requested and if the changes are reasonably available
- To request that the College implement a "no-contact" mandate with the perpetrator.
- To not "work it out" with the alleged perpetrator through mediation. Porterville College does not consider mediation to be appropriate in cases involving sexual assault.

## Victims of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Domestic Violence, or Dating Violence should:

- Consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible at a local hospital after an incident of sexual assault, dating violence, or domestic violence. If victims of sexual assault do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections.
- Preserve evidence that may assist investigators during the course of a criminal investigation to prove that the criminal offense occurred, or is occurring. It is important that a victim of sexual assault not bathe, douche, smoke, change clothing, or clean the bed/linen/area where they were assaulted if the offense occurred within the past 96 hours. This evidence may be helpful in obtaining a protection order.
- Save text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications as evidence; and keep pictures, logs, or copies of documents if they have any that could be useful to College adjudicators/investigators or local police.

## Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008



California Attorney General's Office

THE VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2008

## Marsy's Card and Resources

To provide victims with rights to justice and due process

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Prosecutor's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Telephone:	<input type="text"/>
Police Report Number:	<input type="text"/>		
Superior Court Case Number:	<input type="text"/>		