

# UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO

## Information for Incidences of Relationship Violence

### What to do if in a situation involving domestic or relationship violence?

Domestic and relationship violence is physical, mental, sexual or emotional abuse in an intimate relationship. It occurs when one person uses abusive tactics to gain power and control over a partner or former partner. Domestic and relationship violence hits homes in every community. It has a devastating effect on victims, children, families and communities. If you are a victim you can get help. ([www.acadv.org](http://www.acadv.org)) Information is also available at the following websites:  
[www.acadv.org](http://www.acadv.org)  
[www.ywcabham.org](http://www.ywcabham.org)  
[www.aardvarc.org](http://www.aardvarc.org)

### How do I report an incident on campus?

Victims have the right to choose whether or not reporting an incident is in their best interest. The University of Montevallo has professional staff members trained to assist all victims as they navigate their options. A student involved in a violent situation can seek support through the office of the Provost or through the following avenues:

#### Title IX Compliance Officer

Ms. Barbara Forrest  
Will Lyman House  
205-665-6055  
[forrestb@montevallo.edu](mailto:forrestb@montevallo.edu)

#### Deputy Title IX Coordinator

Mr. Tony Miller, Jr.  
Main Hall, Lower Level  
205-665-6020  
[tmiller7@montevallo.edu](mailto:tmiller7@montevallo.edu)

#### VPESA/Dean of Students

Dr. Tammi Dahle  
Main Hall, Lower Level  
205-665-6020  
[dahlet@montevallo.edu](mailto:dahlet@montevallo.edu)

### What are my options?

The University is dedicated to assisting victims of relationship violence regardless of the option they may select. Although it will limit the University and police's ability to investigate or intervene judicially, the victim can request anonymity. Victims have the following options:

- Pursue criminal charges and a campus investigation
- Submit a police report and pursue a campus investigation
- Not pursue any investigations and/or submit a police report
- Submit a police report only
- Pursue criminal charges only
- Pursue a campus investigation only

### Who will investigate the situation?

The incident investigator will depend on the specifics of the case and the parties involved. The investigation team can consist of the University Student Conduct Officer, the VPESA/Dean of Students and Director of Human Resources/Title IX Coordinator. The team may consult with other University officials including the UMPD.

### How can I contact local and campus resources?

UM Counseling Services  
(only confidential  
on-campus reporting)  
205-665-6245

UM Health Services  
205-665-6275

SafeHouse  
205-669-1877  
•Advocacy & Legal  
Assistance

Montevallo City Police  
911, 9-911 (on campus),  
or 205-665-1264

Alabama Coalition  
Against Domestic  
Violence  
1-800-650-6522  
Advocacy

For information related to sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking see the UM website [www.montevallo.edu/campus-life/campus-safety/sexual-assault-survivors-resources/](http://www.montevallo.edu/campus-life/campus-safety/sexual-assault-survivors-resources/)