

**In an emergency, call for help**

**In North Campus buildings:**

Help EMS easily locate you,  
call x2400 or 905-721-3211

**Downtown Campus:**

Call 9-1-1

**Anywhere off campus:**

Call 9-1-1

- If you have experienced an incident involving Sexual Violence, UOIT can help you. The best way to receive help is to contact a [Support Worker](#) in the Sexual Violence Care Unit (905.721.7723 or email [supportworker@uoit.ca](mailto:supportworker@uoit.ca)) who can provide you with support and aid in a confidential environment.
- This policy details UOIT's intent to prevent and address incidents of Sexual Violence and sets out the procedures that will be followed for reporting, investigating and addressing incidents of Sexual Violence for Students.
- This document uses key terms that are hyperlinked to their definitions found in [Appendix A](#).
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## **WHAT ARE UOIT'S COMMITMENTS? – Guiding Principles**

1. The University of Ontario Institute of Technology ([UOIT](#)) is committed to maintaining healthy and safe learning, living, social, recreational and working environments. Acts that perpetuate [Sexual Violence](#) including [Sexual Harassment](#) are against [UOIT's values](#) and will not be tolerated. Thus, UOIT will:
  - Condemn all acts that perpetuate or reinforce Sexual Violence and hold individuals who perpetrate such acts accountable;
  - Help those who have experienced Sexual Violence by providing resources and aid, regardless of whether or not an Informal or [Formal Report](#) is filed;
  - Help our community to oppose Sexual Violence through preventative educational programming;
  - Continually improve how the university addresses Sexual Violence by examining the efficacy of programming choices, how aid is administered, and how [Students](#) use our services.
2. There are many myths and misconceptions about Sexual Violence (*e.g.*, rape myths) that downplay the seriousness of Sexual Violence and confuse an individual's understanding of [consent](#). These ways of thinking contribute to a social context in which individuals who experience Sexual Violence may blame themselves for what happened, worry that they will not be believed, and make reporting Sexual Violence less likely to happen. These misconceptions contribute to victim-blaming responses that excuse perpetrators for their actions. UOIT strongly opposes this kind of thinking and has developed this policy in support of those who have experienced Sexual Violence and will treat individuals with dignity and respect during [disclosure](#), investigation and institutional response.
3. The University, recognizes that each individual is free to label their experiences using whatever terminology they choose. The label "survivor" may work for some individuals, and may not for others. To that end, this policy refers to individuals based on their interaction with the policy. When dealing with individuals, the university will respect each individual's preferred term.
4. UOIT is aware of and acknowledges the diverse backgrounds and cultures of Students and will consider and take reasonable measures to accommodate needs emerging from this diversity when dealing with individual cases.
5. An Advisory Committee, comprised of Students, [Faculty](#) and [Staff](#), will be established to oversee and review the programming and training choices in consultation with community partners that stand against Sexual Violence by:
  - Advising on training programs for development and delivery to Staff, Faculty, and Students;
  - Consulting on up-to-date information on supports and services, including online content;
  - Reviewing instances of Sexual Violence committed against, or perpetrated by, members of UOIT and the help-seeking behaviours related to such incidents;

- Evaluating the efficacy of programming, activities, and help processes related to tracked behaviours and advising on changes, where necessary;
- Overseeing the implementation of a survey of [UOIT Members](#), as required, relating to the effectiveness of Sexual Violence aspects of this policy;
- Drafting an annual report informed by available data related to measures listed above in this section and make recommendations to the Provost or delegate; and
- Preparing a written review to the Office of the Provost detailing recommended changes to this policy and related procedures.

### **HOW DOES UOIT HELP? – Purpose of this Policy**

6. For any [UOIT Student](#) who has experienced [Sexual Violence](#) and for any Student who has perpetrated Sexual Violence, this policy and related procedures detail how UOIT will:
  - Empower Students to make separate choices on whether to [disclose](#) within a safe space at the university in order to receive support and whether to officially report that experience to the university in order to pursue a path to justice;
  - Accommodate the needs of Students affected by Sexual Violence,
  - Offer fair paths to justice as alternatives to, and not replacements for, external judicial proceedings;
  - Implement [interim measures](#) to protect Students affected by Sexual Violence, where appropriate.
  - Investigate incidents of Sexual Violence, where requested or where required as listed in [section 27](#) below; and
  - Detail how incidents of Sexual Violence will be addressed.
7. UOIT stands against Sexual Violence through a preventative approach. This approach involves educational programming and training to empower our community and to minimize behaviours that contribute to the perpetuation of Sexual Violence. Key topics to be addressed include, but are not limited to:
  - Abuses of power dynamics and victim blaming;
  - Alcohol and substance consumption;
  - Cultural competency and sources of [discrimination](#);
  - [Consent](#) culture;
  - How sexism, ableism, ageism, and racism intersect with Sexual Violence;
  - Rape culture;
  - Understanding aggression and standing up to aggression; and
  - Understanding online harassment through social media.

### **WHO DOES THIS COVER? WHEN? and WHERE? – The Scope of this Policy**

If you are a Student and you have experienced Sexual Violence, UOIT can help you.

8. **WHO?** - This policy applies to *all* incidents of alleged [Sexual Violence](#) involving [Students](#).
9. **WHAT BEHAVIOUR? & WHERE?** This policy applies:
  - To Students experiencing Sexual Violence or who have previously experienced Sexual Violence anywhere within the university community;

- To Students accused of perpetrating an act of Sexual Violence against a member of the [UOIT](#) community, both on and off campus (e.g., parking garages, residences, gatherings of UOIT Students) including;
    - a) Through any conduct in the course of work, co-op, practicum, research, or study arising out of or related to UOIT's interests, and;
    - b) Through any media (e.g., in-person, written, recorded, online).
- 10. WHAT IF A NON-UOIT MEMBER IS INVOLVED?** Reports of Sexual Violence involving a UOIT Student can be filed by any individual, even if they are not affiliated with UOIT. For example, students at other institutions can file a Report to UOIT about a [UOIT Member](#) by contacting [General Counsel](#). Incidents involving a Student, [Faculty](#) or [Staff](#) member from Durham College or Trent in Oshawa, resulting from the shared campus environment, will be investigated in collaboration with those institutions.
- 11. WHAT LEGISLATION APPLIES?** The [Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act](#) requires universities to have sexual violence policies to prevent and respond to incidents involving students. The [Criminal Code of Canada](#) prohibits [Sexual Assault](#), [Voyeurism](#) and [Criminal Harassment](#) (including [Stalking](#) and [Cyberbullying](#)). The [Ontario Human Rights Code](#) prohibits harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression in educational and employment matters and environments.
- 12. WHAT IF A UOIT EMPLOYEE IS INVOLVED?** Collective Agreements and/or employee policies prohibit Sexual Violence for UOIT employees. In incidents where a UOIT employee is involved, this policy will work in conjunction with the requirements of those agreements and policies. In these circumstances, Human Resources may be consulted to ensure the requirements set out under the *Policy to Prevent and Respond to Violence, Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace*, and related procedures, are also applied and upheld.
- 13. WHO ENFORCES THIS POLICY?** The Vice President Academic and Provost, or successor thereof, is the policy owner, which means they are responsible for overseeing the implementation, administration, interpretation, and application of the policy.

## **HOW DOES THIS POLICY WORK? WHAT CAN I EXPECT? – Procedures**

- 14.** The procedures set out in this document are intended to address incidents and allegations of [Sexual Violence](#) involving [Students](#).
- 15.** Students who may have experienced Sexual Violence have the right to:
- Choose whether to initiate, continue or discontinue telling their story, including the right to tell whomever they trust, the right to participate or not participate in any aspect of processes that result from filing a [Formal Report](#) or [Informal Report](#);
  - Be protected from irrelevant questions such as those related to past sexual history or sexual expression;
  - Choose whether to access support and accommodations, regardless of whether there is an official Report; and

- Choose whether to pursue recourse through external processes, such as an application to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, and processes of criminal or civil justice.
16. Individuals have the right to be accompanied by legal counsel, union representative or other person at any point during this procedure and related processes.
  17. In order to ensure procedural fairness, the following principles will apply:
    - Participation in an Informal Resolution Process (described below) will not prejudice those involved in a subsequent Report or investigation;
    - [Disclosers](#) will be provided with an opportunity to submit all of their allegations along with relevant information;
    - [Respondents](#) will be provided with the information that is required to fully understand the allegations and provide a complete response;
    - Where an investigation and/or a hearing is conducted, witnesses will be given a reasonable opportunity to understand the allegations and provide relevant information; and
    - Individuals have the right to be accompanied by legal counsel, union representative, or other person at any point during this procedure and related processes.
  18. Any Reprisal, or expressed or implied threat of Reprisal, for reporting an incident or making a complaint about Sexual Violence under this procedure may itself be the subject of a Report and may be subject to [interim measures](#) (such as a conduct contract, restrictions from certain buildings on campus, or other appropriate measure).

## **HOW DO I TELL SOMEONE ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED? – Disclosure and Reporting**

19. This policy distinguishes between telling someone about what has happened ([Disclosure](#)) and telling a designated [Support Worker](#) who can provide help from a confidential space ([Reporting](#)).
20. Disclosing and Reporting [Sexual Violence](#) are personal acts. [Students](#) who share their experience have the right to be treated respectfully, and for the information provided to be kept in confidence, shared only on a need-to-know basis, where legally required. All information will be handled in accordance with the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#).

### *WHAT IS A DISCLOSURE? – Talking to a trusted person*

21. [UOIT](#) recognizes that individuals who have experienced Sexual Violence may initially disclose to a friend, peer leader, or trusted [Faculty](#) or [Staff](#). The individual receiving a Disclosure should act in a caring and supportive way and should maintain confidentiality, except where the [Disclosing](#) individual consents to further information sharing in order to access help. Any person who receives a Disclosure should inform the discloser about this policy and, where needed, help them to access a Support Worker. Help for those who have received a Disclosure and guidance on how to receive a Disclosure are posted [online](#).
22. In any event, those who receive a Disclosure must promptly share that information to the Office of Campus Safety in the following circumstances:

- The information received suggests there is a perceived threat or risk of harm, including self-harm, to a Student or other individual;
  - The information received suggests that the actions constitute harassment and/or result in an individual feeling as though their personal safety is at risk, whether in person or online; or
  - The information received suggests an incident occurred involving Workplace Violence or Workplace Harassment under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*;
23. Those who receive a Disclosure are encouraged to consult with the Director, Campus Safety for advice about whether, and to what extent, that information must be shared. The Office of Campus Safety will use and share the information provided to the extent that is required by law.

#### *WHO SHOULD I TALK TO? – Reporting to a Support Worker*

24. In an emergency call for help. When on North campus, call Security at 905.721.3211 (x2400) to help EMS more easily locate you, when downtown or off campus call 911. Individuals may also visit the [Office of Campus Safety](#) in person (1202 Simcoe Building) or the Security Offices in Downtown locations.
25. For [Students](#) who need help, [Support Workers](#) in Student Mental Health Services are authorized to receive, on behalf of [UOIT](#), reports about incidents of [Sexual Violence](#) involving [Students](#). To make an appointment with a Support Worker, call 905.721.7723 or email [supportworker@uoit.ca](mailto:supportworker@uoit.ca). Appointments may be held by phone or in person at a different campus location at the request of the Student. Support Workers can offer support and accommodation independent of any action related to [Reporting](#). Students may also access [community supports and services](#) listed online.
26. There are two ways to report Sexual Violence to UOIT, an “[Informal Report](#)” and a “[Formal Report](#)” – each type of report allows the individual to tell their story, on their own terms. The decision to disclose the details that may indicate Sexual Violence through an Informal Report and the decision to file a Formal Report are separate decisions:
- An “[Informal Report](#)” occurs when a Student discloses to a Support Worker about an incident in which Sexual Violence may have occurred. The Informal Report can be provided by any individual who has information about the incident, and does not automatically initiate a Formal Report. An Informal Report may relate to a [Respondent](#) who is, or is not, a Student.
  - A “[Formal Report](#)” is a formal written request by a [UOIT Member](#) for UOIT to investigate and address a detailed incident of Sexual Violence.
27. Informal Reports and Formal Reports to a Support Worker are made in a protected space and will be kept confidential, except under the following circumstances, and as required by law:
- The discloser seeks accommodations and consents to sharing information with other university officials on a need-to-know basis in order to make the appropriate arrangements (*e.g.*, accommodations, safety planning);
  - The discloser chooses to proceed with a Formal Report, in which case a confidential investigation will be conducted and information will be shared only to the extent necessary to achieve procedural fairness, and as otherwise required by law;

- Information is received suggesting there is a clear risk of harm, including self-harm, to a Student or other individual;
- Information suggests an incident occurred involving Workplace Violence or Workplace Harassment under the Occupational Health & Safety Act, in which case a confidential investigation will be conducted and information will be disclosed only to the extent necessary to achieve procedural fairness;
- Informing law enforcement is required by law (*e.g.*, in the case of a minor); or
- Information required for a police investigation, or for litigation purposes.

28. Access to support and accommodation through a Support Worker is available by phone, email, or through Campus Security on a 24/7 basis. Our [online support guide](#) details supports and services available in the community that can be contacted for help.

### **HOW WILL ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE BE ADDRESSED? – Support Services**

29. [Support Workers](#) support disclosers and [Complainants](#) by providing assistance and accommodation through the resolution process of their choosing. Assistance provided by a Support Worker may include:
- A detailed explanation of available processes under this policy;
  - Communicating with the discloser’s consent with counsellors or other university officials at [UOIT](#) involved in providing support and academic accommodations, [interim measures](#), interpreting university policies and guidelines, and providing information to the Office of Campus Safety;
  - Accompanying the discloser or Complainant to an appointment that they may need support to attend;
  - Referral to contacts for support, services and resources through external community partners. Available community partner services are [listed online](#); or
  - Follow up after a resolution is achieved to ensure it has been enacted and to ensure ongoing access to services where needed.
30. Disclosers or Complainants who require accommodations in their courses or other areas can work with their Support Worker to find solutions that will help minimize disruption. Accommodations may include: separation of the parties, exam or assignment deferral, class and/or schedule changes, emergency bursaries, and/or residence modification. The Support Worker will make the accommodation arrangements on the discloser’s behalf and with their consent taking care to share only enough information with other university officials as is necessary to make the accommodation.
31. If the details of the report reveal a significant risk to others, the Support Worker may contact the Office of Campus Safety and/or other law enforcement agencies. If the details of the Report involve a [Respondent](#) who is not otherwise covered by the scope of this Policy, the Office of Campus Safety will enact appropriate security measures to protect the [Student](#).

### ***WHAT OTHER RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE? – Informal Resolution Processes***

32. A discloser and/or [Complainant](#) may choose to pursue an Informal Resolution Process at any point following a Report. The [Support Worker](#) will work with the discloser or Complainant to

select options that will help them to meaningfully address the incident of [Sexual Violence](#) and where participation does not place the [Student](#) at risk. Examples of informal processes include: seeking apology; delivering an impact statement; meeting with a university official identified by the Support Worker to discuss the ways in which future occurrences of the disclosed incident can be prevented; facilitated discussion; and processes based on restorative justice principles.

33. The Support Worker will work with the [Case Manager](#) to undertake the informal resolution option selected by the discloser and/or Complainant. Participation in an Informal Resolution Process is voluntary and requires consent of all parties. The Case Manager will normally be the Director, Office of Campus Safety.
34. Where the Informal Resolution Process involves the [Respondent](#), the Support Worker will take steps to ensure that the circumstances of any meeting will appropriately protect the dignity of the Complainant through accommodations that continue to allow their participation. Accommodations that may be considered include: providing separate rooms before the meeting; alternate means of participation such as telephone, video, pre-recorded answers and statements; prepared written responses; the opportunity to have support and representation at the hearing; and other appropriate accommodations.
35. All Informal Resolution Processes between the discloser, Complainant and/or the Respondent are held in confidence and on a “without prejudice” basis. This means that the discussions that take place during the Informal Resolution Process may not be later disclosed or used in a subsequent Report or investigation. Parties involved in Informal Resolution Processes will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement before the process proceeds.
36. If a written agreement is reached by all parties through Informal Resolution Processes, and the Case Manager approves the written agreement, the Report will be deemed resolved and this procedure will cease.
37. If the selected Informal Resolution Process is unsuccessful, new options will be made available, which may include another Informal Resolution Process or the filing of a [Formal Report](#).

#### *IF I FILE A FORMAL REPORT, WHAT WILL HAPPEN? – The Formal Report Process*

38. If an individual chooses to file and then pursue a [Formal Report](#), the [Support Worker](#) will refer the matter to a [Case Manager](#) who will oversee the process to ensure all parties are treated fairly and that the file proceeds as expeditiously as possible. The Case Manager will also provide updates to the discloser or [Complainant](#) on the progress of the file. This does not remove the Support Worker from the process; they continue to provide support throughout the process.
39. The Support Worker will provide the discloser with a [Report Form](#), or a link to an electronic Report Form, and assist them when needed to complete the form. The discloser may submit all of the allegations along with relevant information as part of their Report. The Report will be forwarded to a Case Manager by the Support Worker.
40. The Formal Reporting process begins with the Case Manager considering whether [interim measures](#) are necessary to protect the safety of the Complainant or any other [Student](#). Reasonable interim measures will be imposed on the basis of the assumption that allegations of

[Sexual Violence](#) are true, having regard to the safety of all Students, the severity of the allegations, and the Complainant's desire to restrict access to disclosed information.

41. If, during any stage following the receipt of a Report, there is evident behaviour or actions of retaliation, or expressed or implied threat of reprisal against a discloser or [Complainant](#), the [Case Manager](#) may impose temporary measures (such as a conduct contract, restrictions from certain buildings on campus, or other appropriate measure) and the reprisal may itself be the subject of a Report.
42. The Case Manager will review the [Formal Report](#) to determine whether the described incident would be covered under this policy assuming the allegations are true. During this review, the Case Manager may meet with any individual deemed necessary to assess whether the report warrants investigation.
43. If the allegations set out in the Report do not amount to Sexual Violence or the [Respondent](#) is not a [UOIT Member](#), the Case Manager will advise the parties, in writing, of the determination to not proceed with an investigation. In all other cases, the Report will be investigated. The Case Manager will advise the parties in writing that the Report will be investigated, that an investigator will be appointed, and that the parties will be contacted by the investigator in due course.

#### *HOW DO INVESTIGATIONS WORK? – Investigations & Corrective Actions*

44. The purpose of an investigation is to: gather evidence and witness statements; weigh the evidence; make findings of fact based on the evidence; and produce an investigative report. In an investigation under this procedure, the investigator must conclude, weighing the evidence on a balance of probabilities, either: (1) that [Sexual Violence](#) did occur; or (2) that Sexual Violence did not occur.
45. The [Case Manager](#) will appoint an investigator with the required training and experience to conduct a fair and objective investigation. The investigator must not be directly involved in the incidents at issue, and should not have a reporting relationship with the individuals involved in the incidents being investigated. Where accommodations are required, the discloser has the right to request and that an external investigator be appointed. To this end, the investigation may be conducted by an [UOIT](#) investigator or by an external investigator.
46. The Case Manager will provide the investigator with all relevant documents and information, except that which is privileged (*e.g.*, records of discussions that took place during Informal Resolution Processes).
47. The Case Manager will send written notice to the [Respondent](#) that an investigation of a Report of Sexual Violence is being initiated. This notice will, at minimum, be delivered in writing to a UOIT.net or UOIT.ca email account, as applicable.
48. The notice to the Respondent will contain all information that is required to fully understand the allegations and provide a complete response, including:
  - The name of the investigator;
  - A complete summary of the allegations and supporting documents;

- A summary of any further information gathered by the Case Manager; and
- An invitation for the Respondent to meet with the investigator to discuss the Report.

The notice will also provide contact information for UOIT [Support Services](#), and will indicate that the Respondent has the right to be supported and accompanied by legal counsel and/or other support.

49. The Respondent will be given a reasonable opportunity to respond to the allegations and may choose to respond in person or in writing. If no response is provided within a reasonable timeframe, set by the investigator, or the Respondent chooses not to participate, the investigator may proceed without input from the Respondent.
50. At any point during the investigation, the investigator may set meetings with any party to obtain further information. At a minimum, the investigator will make reasonable attempts to meet with the [Complainant](#) and the Respondent. The investigator may also choose to seek information from other witnesses taking care to ensure that they are given a reasonable opportunity to understand the allegations and provide relevant information. Individuals have the right to be accompanied by legal counsel, union representative, or other person at any point during this procedure or related processes.
51. Based on all available evidence, the investigator will determine whether there has been a violation of the policy, weighing the evidence on a balance of probabilities. The investigator's determination will be reported to the Case Manager in an investigative report, containing a summary of the information gathered during the investigation and the investigator's conclusions.

#### *HOW IS A DECISION REACHED? – Associate Provost's Decision*

52. The [Case Manager](#) will forward the investigative report, along with their confirmation that fair processes were followed and reference to corrective measures consistent with comparable offenses to the Associate Provost or delegate who has appropriate training and experience to make decisions involving [Sexual Violence](#).
53. The Associate Provost or delegate will consider the investigative report and determine the appropriate corrective actions including: a written warning, conduct contract, community service, alternative forms of restitution, suspension or eviction from one or more facilities at the university, or expulsion. The Associate Provost or delegate's determination will be forwarded to the Case Manager.
54. The Case Manager will provide the [Respondent](#) with a written summary of the investigation, attaching a copy of the determination.
55. The Respondent will have ten working days to provide a response, which may include a request for a meeting to hear the response. If the [Student](#) fails, without reasonable excuse, to provide a response, the Associate Provost or delegate may proceed to decide on the case in the Student's absence. This decision will be conveyed to the Respondent in writing.

56. The Case Manager will share the decision, in writing, with the [Complainant](#) and the Respondent as appropriate to maintain obligations under privacy laws, uphold procedural fairness, and ensure the health and safety of involved parties are protected.

#### *HOW CAN A DECISION BE CHALLENGED? – Appeal*

57. The decisions of the Provost under this Policy may be appealed to the Non-Academic Appeals Committee, in accordance with [Student Conduct Policy](#) and related procedures. In such cases, the case will be heard by a panel comprised of individuals with appropriate skills, training and experience to work with [Sexual Violence](#) cases.
58. If an appeal occurs, the dignity of the discloser will be protected through accommodations that allow their participation. Accommodation examples include: providing separate rooms before the meeting; alternate means of participation such as telephone, video, pre-recorded answers and statements; prepared written responses; the opportunity to bring a [Support Worker](#) to the hearing; and other accommodations suggested by the Support Worker and the discloser.

#### *HOW OFTEN WILL THIS POLICY BE REVIEWED? – Monitoring and Review*

59. This policy and procedures will be reviewed every three years at minimum as required by the MCTU Act.

#### *WHAT OTHER POLICIES WORK WITH THIS POLICY? Related Policies*

60. Several Policies interact with this policy, and include:
- Academic Staff Employment Policies
  - Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Policy
  - Emergency Management Plan and Procedures
  - Fair Processes Policy
  - Health and Safety Policy
  - Non-Academic Staff Policies
  - Policy to Prevent and Address Violence, Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace
  - Records Management Policy
  - UOIT Joint Health and Safety Committee Terms of Reference
  - UOIT Occupational Health and Safety Management System
  - UOIT Student Conduct Policy
  - UOIT–Durham College Threat Assessment Procedures
  - Work Refusal Procedures
  - Workplace Violence Incident Report

[In drafting this document, policies and protocols of other Ontario institutions, including the University of Windsor, University of Toronto, Queen’s University were reviewed. Passages from these policies, have been adapted for use in this document with their permission.]

APPENDIX A DEFINITIONS	<u>What do these terms mean?</u>
Term	Definition
"Case Manager"	A representative assigned the responsibility to manage the Report process. The Case Manager manages Report intake, oversees investigations, and issues a Case Manager's Report.
"Consent"	<p>Consent is an active, direct, voluntary, unimpaired and conscious choice and agreement to engage or continue in a sexual activity. Consent to one act does not mean consent to another. <b>Consent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is never assumed or implied;</li> <li>• Is not silence or the absence of "no";</li> <li>• Cannot be given if the person is impaired by alcohol or drugs, or is unconscious;</li> <li>• Is required regardless of the parties' relationship status or sexual history together;</li> <li>• Can be taken back, either through words (e.g., saying no) or body language (e.g., pushing someone away);</li> <li>• Can never be obtained through threats or coercion; and</li> <li>• Cannot be given if the other person abuses a position of trust, power or authority.</li> </ul>
"Complainant"	The individual who is alleged to have experienced <a href="#">Sexual Violence</a> in a <a href="#">Formal Report</a> .
"Criminal Harassment"	<p>Criminal Harassment is repeated behaviours that result in an individual feeling as though their personal safety is at risk. Criminal Harassment includes, but is not limited to what is conventionally referred to as <a href="#">stalking</a> and <a href="#">cyberbullying</a>. Criminal Harassment includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsolicited communications either verbal or digital;</li> <li>• Following a person;</li> <li>• Watching a person's home, or other places where they may travel or work; and</li> <li>• Threatening the person or their family.</li> </ul>
"Cyberbullying"	<p>Cyberbullying involves using digital communication technologies to engage in harassing behaviour against others. Cyberbullying includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sending mean or threatening emails or text/instant messages.</li> <li>• Posting embarrassing photos of someone online;</li> <li>• Posting degrading or harassing content online;</li> <li>• Creating websites to make fun of others;</li> <li>• Pretending to be someone by using their name; or</li> <li>• Tricking someone into revealing personal or embarrassing information and sending it to others</li> </ul>
"Disclosing" and "Disclosure"	The act of providing information to another <a href="#">UOIT Member</a> about an incident which may have involved <a href="#">Sexual Violence</a> .

"Discrimination"	Any form of differential treatment that results in disadvantage, including imposing extra burdens, denying benefits, and/or limiting access to opportunities, based on one or more characteristics that an individual cannot change about themselves known as prohibited grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code, namely: age; ancestry, colour, race; citizenship, ethnic origin; place of origin; creed; disability; family status; marital status (including single status); gender identity, gender expression; receipt of public assistance (in housing only); record of offences (in employment only); sex (including pregnancy and breastfeeding); sexual orientation.
"Faculty"	A Faculty Member at <a href="#">UOIT</a> .
"Formal Report"	A formal written request, to investigate and address an incident that may have involved <a href="#">Sexual Violence</a> .
"Indecent Exposure"	Indecent Exposure is when an individual exposes their genitals to other people (typically strangers caught off guard) in order to gain sexual satisfaction. Indecent Exposure is also known as flashing or exhibitionism and is a criminal offense under the Criminal Code of Canada.
"Informal Report"	A verbal account of an incident that may have involved <a href="#">Sexual Violence</a> . This account remains confidential except when confidentiality must be broken, as described in <a href="#">section 22</a> , or unless sharing is otherwise legally required.
"Interim Measures"	Any measures that are taken during the process of addressing a <a href="#">Disclosure</a> or Report, including, for example, limiting contact between involved parties.
"Intimate Partner Violence"	Controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in an interpersonal romantic relationship. It can happen to anyone. Intimate partner violence can also be referred to as dating violence and domestic violence. All are considered forms of <a href="#">Sexual Violence</a> .
"Reporting"	The act of <a href="#">disclosing</a> to a <a href="#">Support Worker</a> .
"Report Form"	A form provided by a <a href="#">Support Worker</a> or Case Manager which is completed by a <a href="#">Complainant</a> to initiate a Report.
"Respondent"	An individual who is alleged to have engaged in <a href="#">Sexual Violence</a> in a <a href="#">Formal Report</a> .
"Sexual Assault"	Is sexual touching of another person with any object or body part that is without <a href="#">Consent</a> or by force. Any sexual activity without consent is sexual assault. (Criminal Code of Canada, section 271, 272, 273) Sexual Assault includes rape.

<p>"Sexual Harassment"</p>	<p>A course of vexatious comment, conduct and/or communication based on sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or gender expression, or orientation that is known or should have been known to be unwelcome. Sexual Harassment is a form of <a href="#">Sexual Violence</a> and may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual solicitation, advances, or remarks, including any situation with an implied or express promise of reward or benefit in return for sexual favours, and/or implied or express threat or act of reprisal if sexual favours are denied (e.g., coercion);</li> <li>• Gender-based harassment that enforces traditional heterosexual gender norms, roles, or behaviours and is often used as a bullying tactic.</li> <li>• Physical contact of a sexual nature (including <a href="#">Sexual Assault</a> in the Criminal Code); Suggestive or inappropriate comments or gestures (including songs and chants);</li> <li>• Non-consensual posting of pictures, aggressive comments, and slurs on social media;</li> <li>• Inappropriate display of sexually suggestive pictures, posters, objects, graffiti; and</li> </ul> <p>Sexual conduct that interferes with an individual's dignity or privacy such as <a href="#">Voyeurism</a>.</p>
<p>"Sexual Violence"</p>	<p>Any sexual act or act targeting a person's sexuality, gender identity or gender expression, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is committed, threatened or attempted against a person without the person's consent, and includes sexual abuse, <a href="#">Sexual Assault</a> (including rape), <a href="#">Sexual Harassment</a>, <a href="#">Stalking</a>, trafficking, <a href="#">Criminal Harassment</a>, circulating degrading sexual imagery, <a href="#">Indecent Exposure</a>, <a href="#">Intimate Partner Violence</a>, <a href="#">Voyeurism</a> and sexual exploitation.</p>
<p>"Staff"</p>	<p>An employee at <a href="#">UOIT</a> not represented by a collective agreement.</p>
<p>"Stalking"</p>	<p>A form of <a href="#">Criminal Harassment</a> involving repeated conduct that is carried out over a period of time and that causes an individual to reasonably fear for their safety or the safety of someone known to them. Stalking does not require physical injury; it is enough if the conduct makes a person fearful.</p>
<p>"Student"</p>	<p>A Student currently registered or previously enrolled at <a href="#">UOIT</a>.</p>
<p>"Support Services"</p>	<p>The services referenced in <a href="#">sections 29 through 31</a>.</p>
<p>"Support Worker"</p>	<p><a href="#">Staff</a> Members designated in this Policy to receive <a href="#">Disclosures</a> and/or Reports and to make getting help easier by providing aid to disclosers on behalf of <a href="#">UOIT</a>.</p>
<p>"UOIT"</p>	<p>University of Ontario Institute of Technology.</p>
<p>"UOIT Member"</p>	<p>A <a href="#">Student</a>, <a href="#">Faculty</a> or <a href="#">Staff</a>, individuals engaging in work, research or study arising out of or related to UOIT's interests, and any individual on or visiting UOIT.</p>
<p>"Voyeurism"</p>	<p>The act of deriving sexual gratification from the covert observation of others as they undress or engage in sexual activities. This may include recording such activity and distributing it. When the behaviour of the individual watching another is unwelcome, repeated and makes the observed person feel unsafe, it may also constitute <a href="#">Criminal Harassment</a>.</p>



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