



SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESOURCES FOR THOSE TRAVELING (Domestic and Abroad)



College Resources — Confidential Support

The following on-campus confidential resources can assist you:

- \ [CARE \(Campus Advocacy, Response, and Education\)](#): 24/7 campus resource for students that provides crisis response, support, short-term counseling, advocacy, education, and referral services to those dealing with incidents of interpersonal violence and abuse, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. (843) 953-7277 / (706) 358-6192
- \ [The Citadel Counseling Center](#): campus resource for students that supports psychological well-being (843) 953-6799
- \ [The Citadel Chaplains](#): campus resource for students, faculty, and staff that provides counseling to individuals of all faiths (843) 953-5049 / (843) 345-3832
- \ [Ombudsperson](#): a neutral party who helps Citadel cadets, CGC students, parents of cadets and students, faculty, and staff resolve disputes and concerns informally and confidentially (843) 953-5096

Off-campus Resources – Confidential Support

- \ [TRI-COUNTY S.P.E.A.K.S.](#): 24/7 Free confidential services to adult survivors of sexual assault. 24-hour hotline, hospital accompaniment during Sexual Assault Forensic Exams (SAFE), police and law enforcement accompaniment, court accompaniment, follow-up services, trauma-informed counseling, as well as support groups
- \ [RAINN \(Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network\)](#): 24/7 confidential external organization operating the National Sexual Assault Hotline (rainn.org)
- \ [U.S. Department of State – Help for U.S. Citizen Victims of Crime](#) external site that includes resources for locating and contacting the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate worldwide
- \ **City of Charleston Police Department Victim's Advocates**: Support, resources, and information related to criminal charges
 - Catrice Smalls, Victim Advocate (843) 720-2425
 - Chelsea Hagan, Child Advocate (843) 720-3031
 - Vera Witt, Spanish Speaking Advocate (843) 720-3032
 - Joshua Williamson, Elder Advocate (843) 720-2534

Additional Resources — Non-Confidential Reporting Options

We encourage you to report the incident to the college by contacting any of the following, so that they can explain to you your options and rights as a student:

- \ **Title IX Coordinator**: Valerie Mercado, (843) 953-6881/(724) 433-0462 | vmercado@citadel.edu
- \ **Deputy Title IX Coordinator**: Kayla Buckmon, (843)953-5092 | kshaw3@citadel.edu
- \ **Volunteer Deputy Title IX Coordinators**: Latitia Adams, Employee Relations Manager, ladams4@citadel.edu (843) 953-4667; Sergeant Major Jason P. Moffitt, United States Marine Corps (Ret), jmoffitt@citadel.edu (843) 953-0503 / (561) 7040-8590; Chief Master Sergeant Jennifer Kersey, United States Air Force (Ret), jkersey@citadel.edu (843) 953-5535 / (253) 495-7615; Captain Wouter Sijtsma, Royal Netherlands Air Force, wsijtsma@citadel.edu (843) 953-0505; Pam King, Office of Institutional Research, Kingp1@citadel.edu (843) 953-6790/ (843) 670-1898



Before you go...

Before travelling, you can prepare by researching your destination, including learning about applicable laws and gender norms. Research and carry with you the contact information for your home-country's nearest embassy or the consulate in your destination country. The following are external (non-Citadel) resources that may provide useful information:

- Review [The Citadel Title IX Grievance Policy](#) and understand the Definitions of Sexual Harassment & Sexual Violence
- [OSAC](#) (Overseas Security Advisory Council) country security reports
- [United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth office country specific guidance](#)
- [U.S. Department of State country reports on humanrights practices](#)
- [U.S. Department of State country specific information](#)
- [The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association \(ILGA\)](#)
- [Sexual Violence Research Initiative](#)

The SVRI is a global research initiative of the Global Forum for Health Research that aims to promote research on sexual violence, particularly focusing on its incidence developing countries. It contains links to relevant publications and evidence-based materials.

Do Citadel policies apply while you are abroad?

Yes. The Citadel's policies protect all students, faculty, and staff — regardless of their gender, gender identity, or gender expression — from sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, and dating/domestic violence.

College policies apply to Citadel students, faculty members, and staff members while they are abroad on a Citadel-sponsored program or activity.

This means both that you are expected to abide by College policy while abroad on a Citadel-sponsored program or activity, AND that you are entitled to the same types of support and resources that would be available if you were on campus.

What are some things to think about if I or a friend/colleague experience sexual misconduct while on a sponsored program?



Are you physically in a safe place immediately after the incident(s)?

If not, reach out to a trusted individual, local law enforcement, or to your embassy for help in finding and moving to a place where you are physically safe for the time being. In addition, the consular office of your embassy can generally provide emergency support or referrals to local resources.



Do you have a safe place to stay for both the short-term and the long-term?

If you are interested in making a housing change (for the short-term or the long-term), the College can seek to assist you; contact the Title IX Office, Study Abroad Office, and/or your TAC. You may also wish to contact CARE for confidential assistance.



Do you need medical attention?

If you need urgent/immediate medical attention, contact local emergency services.

If you do not need urgent/immediate medical attention, contact The Citadel Infirmary, MUSC Medical Services and/or CARE for confidential assistance regarding seeking medical attention. You can do this while travelling or when you return to campus.



Is it safe to report the incident to the police?

This depends on where you are. Cultural and societal attitudes toward sexual violence, as well as the legal regimes surrounding sexual crimes, vary greatly from country to country. Similarly, the support you are likely to receive from local law enforcement may range from a level exceeding that in the United States to one far below United States' best practices. In some countries, it may not be safe to report an incident, especially for members of the LGBTQ+ community. If you are unsure whether it's safe to report sexual violence to local law enforcement, your embassy can help you make an informed decision.

