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Sexual harassment is a violation of SMU's Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy, as well as state and federal laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. SMU's policy is online in the University Policy Manual at [smu.edu/policy](http://smu.edu/policy), and on the Office of Institutional Access and Equity website at [smu.edu/IAE](http://smu.edu/IAE).

Sexual harassment encompasses sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. SMU prohibits sexual harassment in any form and vigorously enforces University policies while supporting state and federal laws. SMU is committed to promptly and effectively resolving complaints and holding violators accountable, while treating all students fairly. Students found responsible for sexual harassment will face disciplinary sanctions up to and including expulsion from the University. Please consult the [Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy](#) for definitions and examples of the various forms of sexual harassment and for a complete list of sanctions.

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**Any student who experiences sexual harassment**

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SMU is committed to providing

DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR STALKING

**Similar to cases of sexual assault, the first priority for victims of dating violence or domestic violence should be to get to a safe**

In addition to violating SMU policy and federal law, sexual assault is a crime punishable under Texas law by imprisonment from two to 20 years plus a fine up to \$10,000. A person convicted of sexual assault must register as a sex offender for the remainder of his or her life – [statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE.22.htm#22.011](http://statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE.22.htm#22.011).

#### PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Crime victims in Texas are guaranteed certain rights, as outlined in the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Office of the Attorney General has more information: [texasattorneygeneral.gov/cvs/crime-victim-publications](http://texasattorneygeneral.gov/cvs/crime-victim-publications).

SMU Police can assist victims in applying for a protective order, which instructs the

party. The forms may be emailed to [accessequity@smu.edu](mailto:accessequity@smu.edu); submitted in Perkins Administration Building, Room 204; or mailed to the SMU Title IX Coordinator, P.O. Box 750200, Dallas, TX 75275-0200.

SMU urges students to use a safety escort. SMU Safety Escort by Tapride offers free rides on campus from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. during the fall and spring terms when classes are in session; download the app and learn more at [smu.edu/BusinessFinance/CampusServices/ParkingAndIDCardServices/Transportation/TapRide](https://smu.edu/BusinessFinance/CampusServices/ParkingAndIDCardServices/Transportation/TapRide).