The University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Annual Security Report 2012
About The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Police Department

The UVa-Wise Campus Police Department maintains a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week constant contact with the College community. As police officers, they are responsible for the safety and security of all visitors, students, faculty, and staff. Officers are responsible for a full range of public safety services including all crime reports, investigations, medical and fire emergency response, and traffic control. The Campus Police also enforce laws regulating underage drinking and the use of controlled substances.

The Department maintains mutual aid agreements and ongoing relationships with the Virginia State Police, Wise County's Sheriff's Department, and the Town of Wise Police Department. This includes assistance in criminal investigations in and out of the College jurisdiction, and sharing information.

News releases are made when incidents occur that might endanger students, faculty, staff, or the general public. Any suspected criminal, suspicious persons, or other emergency situations should be reported immediately to the Campus Police so they can dispatch the appropriate emergency personnel.

Our Mission

The mission of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Police Department is to serve and protect the campus community and to enhance the quality of life on campus. This is achieved in conjunction with the campus community through the enforcement of laws, crime prevention activities, education and community awareness, and maintenance of accreditation. The foundation of our Department is community service. All people within our jurisdiction are served with respect and fairness.

We, The University of Virginia's College at Wise Police Department, are committed to the prevention of crime, the investigation of problems and incidents, the preservation of security, and the enforcement of all laws and College rules. Services of the UVa-Wise Police Department are oriented to produce an environment that enables the College to implement its mission of education and public service.

Our Officers

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Police Department consists of nine full-time law enforcement officers. They possess the same authority, including the power of arrest, as state and municipal police officers. All officers are state certified through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and have the power to enforce all state and local laws. Each officer continually undergoes training to maintain his or her state certification and professional skills.

Our Department members are:
Steve McCoy
Chief of Police & Director of Public Safety

Ronnie Shortt
Sergeant & Special Events Coordinator

Nichole Davis
Officer and Training Coordinator

Beau Boggs
Officer

Steve Maggard
Officer

Mike Mullins
Officer

Jeremy Price
Officer

Perry Ratliff
Officer

Kevin Yates
Officer

Diane Thacker
Secretary

To Report a Crime
The Campus Police Department is located on the lower level of Cantrell Hall. You may call us at 276-328-0190 or 276-328-COPS each weekday from 8 am-5 pm. For campus emergencies, please call 911.

In response to a call, Campus Police will take the required action, either dispatching an officer or asking the victim to report to the Campus Police headquarters to file an incident report. All reported crimes will be investigated by the College and may become a matter of public record. Incident reports are forwarded to the Dean of Students Office for review and potential action, as appropriate. Campus Police Investigators will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation will also be forwarded to the Dean of Students Office. If assistance is required from the LOCAL Police Department or the LOCAL Fire Department, Campus Police will contact the appropriate unit. If a sexual assault or rape should occur, staff on the scene, including Campus Police, will offer the victim a wide variety of services.
UVa-Wise community members should report crimes to the UVa-Wise Campus Police so the information can be assessed for a timely warning notice in order to prevent future similar crimes and also for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

All members of the UVa-Wise community are encouraged to accurately and promptly report crimes to the UVa-Wise Campus Police Department.

**Confidential Reporting**
If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the College system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, a UVa-Wise officer can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to enhance the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the College can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, employees and visitors; determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant; and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution.

As a result of the negotiated rulemaking process which followed the signing into law, the 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092 (f), clarification was given to those considered to be campus security authorities. Campus “Pastoral Counselors” and Campus “Professional Counselors”, when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

The rulemaking committee defines counselors as:

**Pastoral Counselor**
An employee of an institution who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

**Professional Counselor**
An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution’s community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.
Crime Log
The UVa-Wise Campus Police Department maintains a crime log which is available to the public during normal business hours at the Campus Police Office, located in Cantrell Hall.

Clery Act Information
The UVa-Wise Campus Police Department is very concerned about providing timely warnings to the campus community about potential threats to students or employees. This is accomplished through press releases, email messages, posters, and with messages on this web site. It is the policy of the UVa-Wise Campus Police that all applicable state and federal reporting laws, including the Student’s Right to Know and Campus Security Act are followed. An annual report will be prepared and made available to current students and employees by Oct. 1. The report will contain three years of crime statistics related to incidents that occurred on campus, in some off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by UVa-Wise, and on public property immediately adjacent to campus. Contributing statistics are collected from Campus Security Authorities, including the Dean of Students Office, Equal Opportunity Programs Office and other departments and organizations that have significant responsibilities for students, employees and campus activities. The Annual Security Report also contains institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning sexual assault, safety and crime prevention information. All of the statistics are gathered, compiled, and reported to the College community via this report, which is published by UVa-Wise police. UVa-Wise police submits the annual crime statistics published in this brochure to the Department of Education (ED). The statistical information gathered by the Department of Education is available to the public through the ED website.

Security of and Access to Campus Facilities
During business hours, the College’s academic and administrative buildings (excluding certain housing facilities) will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non-business hours access to all College facilities is restricted to authorized individuals. In the case of periods of extended closing, the College will admit only those with prior written approval to all facilities.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day.

UVa-Wise campus police officers patrol campus facilities, including residential buildings. These patrols allow officers to respond to and report any safety and security concern.
**Maintenance of Campus Facilities**

Campus facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner to reduce hazardous and unsafe conditions. Physical safety concerns such as burned out lights and malfunctioning locks are repaired promptly by Facilities Management.

**Missing Student**

UVa-Wise complies with Section 485(j) of the Higher Education Opportunity Act regarding missing student notification. The College will provide every student living in campus housing the opportunity and means to identify both an emergency and a confidential contact person to be contacted, including whenever the college determines that a student is missing. The student is given the opportunity to provide this information during the initial class registration process.

UVa-Wise will maintain the confidentiality of the registered missing contact person. This information will only be accessible to authorized campus officials and law enforcement and it will not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation.

**Procedure**

Any person who believes a student living in campus housing may be missing should contact the Office of the Dean of Students or the Campus Police. The first office to receive the report will notify the other office of the report. The Dean of Students office or other UVa-Wise community members aware of a missing student should immediately report that to UVa-Wise Campus Police. Both offices will attempt to determine whether the student is missing. The Dean of Students office will try to contact the student through all available means. The Campus Police will investigate the validity of the report and manage the information according to its established investigative standards, may notify the appropriate campus personnel and seek their aid in the investigation and contact any law enforcement agencies necessary to further the investigation.

If within 24 hours of the report, Campus Police is unable to locate the missing student and the student is not known to have returned to campus or located, Campus Police will notify the Dean of Students Office and the Dean of Students or designee will notify the individual the student designated as the confidential missing person contact and document the date and time of notification. If the missing student is under age 18 and not an emancipated individual, the Dean of Students or designee will notify the student’s custodian parent or guardian and document the date and time of the notification.

Regardless of whether the student has identified a contact person, is above the age of 18, or is an emancipated minor, UVa-Wise Campus Police will notify the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the area that the student is missing within 24 hours.
Campus Police and the Dean of Students Office will coordinate efforts to locate the missing student. The Dean of Students will notify the Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and update him or her on the investigation status.

When the student is located, the Dean of Students or designee will contact the student to offer any appropriate support, as well as the emergency contacts and or parents to confirm the student has been located.

If the initial investigation is unsuccessful in locating the student, Campus Police will continue to investigate using established police procedures. The Dean of Students will decide what further action, if any, should be taken by his or her office.

**Fire Safety**


The campus is equipped with an emergency siren system. The sirens can be heard in outdoor areas of the campus and in some indoor locations. Emergency instructions are broadcast along with the siren tones. For emergency siren information, please visit [http://www3.uvawise.edu/emergency/crisis_plan](http://www3.uvawise.edu/emergency/crisis_plan)

**Safety Announcements and Timely Warnings**

Campus Police is very concerned about providing timely warnings to the entire campus community. In the event that a situation arises that, in the judgment of one or more of the following: Chief of Police or designee or senior administrator constitutes an on-going threat, a campus-wide timely warning will be issued.

Timely Warnings are typically issued for the following Uniformed Crime Reporting Program (UCR)/National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) crime classifications: major incidents of arson, aggravated assault, and criminal homicide, robbery, and sex offenses. Cases of aggravated assault and sex offenses are considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the facts of the case and the information known by Campus Police. For example, if an assault occurs between two students who have a disagreement, there may be no on-going threat to other UVa-Wise community members and a Crime Alert would not be distributed. In cases involving sexual assault, they are often reported long after the
incident occurred, thus there is no ability to distribute a “timely” warning notice to the community. Sex offenses will be considered on a case by case basis depending on when and where the incident occurred, when it was reported, and the amount information known by the UVa-Wise Campus Police Department.

Typically, the Chief of Police or designee will write the warnings and they are usually distributed by the Office of College Relations.

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Distribution is accomplished through press releases, email messages, website or AlertNow systems.

**Siren Alert System & AlertNow**

The Siren Alert System is for campus emergency notifications and will only be activated by Campus Police personnel in the event of a dire campus emergency. Both tonal and voice broadcast alert capabilities are available.

The AlertNow phone and email notification is used only in emergency situations, and will provide employees and students with notifications to registered home phone, cell phone, and/or email address. You may register up to six (6) numbers for campus alerts and notifications [http://home.uvawise.edu/AlertNow-emergency-alert-system](http://home.uvawise.edu/AlertNow-emergency-alert-system).
**Crimes Reported by UVa-Wise Campus Police**

The UVa-Wise Police Department monitors all on-campus activities and reports all crimes to the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting System. The College does not monitor or record statistics for crimes involving UVa-Wise students that occur in other jurisdictions and that are investigated by other police agencies. All such offenses are recorded by that jurisdiction as part of their Uniform Crime Report. Reports are provided on a calendar year (January -December) basis. UVa-Wise campus does not use the local police agencies to monitor and record criminal activity at off campus locations of student organization which are officially recognized by UVa-Wise, including those with off campus housing. The local agencies respond to crimes at those locations if the property is in their jurisdiction.

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*Hate Related Crimes for the following classifications: murder/non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, sex offenses (forcible & non-forcible), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, larceny, vandalism, intimidation, and simple assault.

The College has an Emergency Response Plan which outlines institutional response to serious incidents impacting the campus. Key administrators have been identified in the plan as well as an outline for evacuation, performance expectations and continuity of operations.

UVa-Wise police officers and supervisors have received training in order to understand the roles in the emergency response plane. On an annual basis, the College provides information about the institution’s Emergency Response Plan as part of UVa-Wise’s Clery compliance efforts.

The College’s Emergency Response Plan is located at [http://www.uvawise.edu/emergency/emergencyprocedures](http://www.uvawise.edu/emergency/emergencyprocedures). The College conducts numerous emergency response exercises each year, such as table-top exercises and tests of its emergency notification system, the AlertNow System (immediate notification), on campus. These tests are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and
capabilities of the institution. These tests are announced and/or unannounced.

**Shelter in Place: What it Means to Shelter in Place**

Sheltering in provides protection from external hazards, minimizes the chance of injury and/or provides the time necessary to allow for a safe evacuation. This should be done by selecting a small, interior room if possible, with no or as few windows as possible. When authorities issue directives to shelter-in-place, do not walk outdoors, take refuge indoors immediately.

A shelter-in-place order may be issued for several reasons:
- Active Shooter
- Severe weather
- Hazardous materials
- Civil Unrest
- Hostage situation
Or any situation where it is best for you to stay where you are to avoid any outside threat.

When this occurs:
1. Remain CALM.
2. Faculty should recommend to students and others not to leave and to stay inside.
3. If you are in dorm rooms, remain there.
4. Select a small interior room with no or few windows as possible.
5. Close and lock all windows, exterior doors, and any other openings that lead to the outside.
6. Stay away from all windows, doors.
7. Facilities Management personnel or trained Crisis Coordinators should shut down all building ventilation fans and air conditioners, when and if appropriate.
8. If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds, or curtains.
9. Select interior room(s) above the ground floor, with the fewest windows or air vents.
10. Room(s) should have adequate space for everyone to be able to sit down comfortably.
11. Avoid overcrowding by selecting several rooms when necessary.

For severe weather and civil unrest:
1. Stay inside and move away from windows.
2. Close and lock all exterior doors and offices.
3. For extreme weather, relocate to lower levels in the building.

For external chemical, biological or radiological incidents:
1. Stay inside and move to an inner corridor or office.
2. Facilities Management personnel or trained Crisis Coordinators may shut down all building ventilation fans and air conditioners, when necessary and appropriate.

3. Since many chemical agents are heavier than air, and tend to hold close to the ground move to higher levels of the building if possible to reduce the transfer of contaminated air from outside to inside.

4. Remain alert for instructions and updates as they become available from the emergency personnel and College administrators.

**General Evacuation Procedures**

At the sound of a fire alarm or if you are instructed to evacuate, leave your work area immediately and proceed to the nearest exit, and leave the building. If you are the first to recognize a fire situation, activate the alarm, evacuate to a safe location using the nearest exit, and notify UVa-Wise Campus Police Emergency at 276-328-0190.

1. Remain Calm
2. Do NOT use Elevators, Use the Stairs.
3. Assist the physically impaired. If he/she unable to exit without using an elevator, secure a safe location near a stairwell, and immediately inform UVa-Wise Police or the responding Fire Dept. of the individual's location.
4. Proceed to a clear area at least 150 feet from the building. Keep all walkways clear for emergency vehicles.
5. Make sure all personnel are out of the building.
6. Do not re-enter the building.

**NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT AN IMMEDIATE THREAT**

AlertNow

UVa-Wise will immediately distribute emergency notification warnings to the campus community upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation on campus involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or staff. Examples of emergencies that would warrant such a notification include but are not limited to: an active shooter on campus, hostage/barricade situation, a riot, bomb threat, a tornado, a fire/explosion, suspicious death, structural damage to a college-owned or controlled facility, biological threat (anthrax, etc.), significant flooding, a gas leak, or a significant hazardous materials release.

Authorization of the UVa-Wise Emergency Notification Systems:

The Campus Police will make the recommendation for initiation of the primary communication system which is called the AlertNow Notification System or in the event of an immediate need, activate the system to the UVa-Wise community or to the appropriate segment of the community, if the threat is limited to a particular building or segment of the...
The Office of College Relations is typically responsible for developing the content of the emergency messages and Office of College Relations is typically responsible for initiating the systems to communicate those messages. Emergencies on campus are typically confirmed by the UVa-Wise Campus Police Department in consultation with other administrative offices, local first responders, and/or the National Weather Service. Follow up information will be provided to the community by website and news releases. Members of the larger community who are interested in receiving information about emergencies on campus may visit the website at www.uvawise.edu. UVa-Wise will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

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**College Security Policy**
The UVa-Wise Campus Police Department provides the following list of resources for your convenience in finding information regarding College emergency notifications, polices and programs, as well as...
personal safety considerations. As always, contact the Campus Police Department for more information about these resources or any other questions you may have.

**Campus Policies On Alcohol, Drugs, Firearms, & Housing**
UVa-Wise does not permit the unlawful possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages and enforces all Virginia liquor laws, including underage drinking laws. Additionally the institution does not allow for the unlawful possession, use and sale of illegal drugs and enforces both state and Federal drug laws. All UVa-Wise policies are published annually in the UVa-Wise Student Handbook.

UVa-Wise is committed to creating an environment free of alcohol and drug abuse. In order to sustain that goal and to be in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the Campus can provide drug and alcohol abuse education programs. For more information contact Dean of Students Office at 276-328-376-1004.

**Crime Prevention & Personal Safety Tips**
The following tips are provided in consideration of your personal safety:

- Keep the door(s) to your residence and windows accessible from the outside locked at all times.
- Never sleep in an unlocked room or house.
- Don't put your name and address on key rings.
- Don't keep your residence and vehicle keys on the same ring.
- If you lose the keys to your residence, have the lock(s) changed. On-campus residents should notify Campus Police immediately.
- Don't study in poorly lighted, secluded areas.
- Require callers to identify themselves before opening your door. Off-campus residents should require official identification from all repair or service personnel.
- Don't let strangers in to use your phone. Offer to make the call for them or direct them to a public phone.
- If you receive obscene or harassing telephone calls or several calls with no one on the other end, immediately notify Campus Police.
• If you find that your room has been entered, **DON'T GO INSIDE.** Go
to a neighbor and call Campus Police. If you are already inside,
**DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING.** In doing so, you may disturb evidence that
is important to police investigation.

• If you are awakened by an intruder inside your room, don't try
to apprehend him. He may be armed or may easily arm himself with
something in the room. If he poses an immediate threat, get out
of the room; if he does not, common sense may dictate pretending
you are still asleep.

• If you see a suspicious person or vehicle on campus immediately
contact Campus Police. Try to get the license plate number.

• Those in private residences should consider installing "peep
holes" and intruder chains on outside doors. Also, if returning
after dark, leave a light on at the entrance to your residence.

• Students in campus housing are particularly advised against
blocking open the entrance to residence halls or other college
buildings. Defective locks on windows or doors should be reported
to Campus Police or the Physical Plant.

• Avoid bringing large amounts of cash or other valuables to
campus.

• Keep items of value out of sight.

• Never lend the key to your residence.

• Don't hide keys under mats, above doors, in mailboxes, or
anywhere else they can be easily found.

• If you live in a residence hall, take your room key into the
shower with you. Don't leave it in your robe or other clothing
where someone going through your pockets can find it.

• When leaving your vehicle at a service station or parking garage,
leave only the ignition key.

• When having keys made, have them made in your presence.

• Participate in **OPERATION ID** with the UVa-Wise Campus Police
Department.

**Security Awareness**
During new student orientation, students are informed of services
offered by the UVa-Wise Campus Police. Video and slide presentations
outline ways to maintain personal safety and residence hall security.
Students are told about crime on-campus and in surrounding neighborhoods. Similar information is presented to new employees. Crime Prevention Programs and Sexual Assault Prevention Programs are offered on a continual basis.

During the 2012-2013 academic year the UVa-Wise Campus Police, in cooperation with other College organizations and departments, present crime prevention awareness sessions on sexual assault (rape and acquaintance rape), theft, and vandalism, as well as educational sessions on personal safety and residence hall security. Approximately 41 programs were presented.

A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others.

In addition to seminars, information is disseminated to students and employees through crime prevention awareness packets, security alert posters, displays, videos, and articles and advertisements in college and student newspapers.

**Policy and Procedures for Suspicious Mail**
Identifying suspicious packages can be difficult. If you are uncertain about a package, call your local police department.

**Campus Patrols**
Officers provide patrols of campus grounds and facilities 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

**Campus Transport Service**
On-campus transportation is provided to those individuals who have legitimate concerns for their personal safety while on campus. Call the COPS-line at (276) 328-COPS.

**Emergency Call Boxes**
Emergency call boxes are located on campus and may be activated by pushing a button. The activated callbox will automatically notify Campus Police. The caller should give the necessary emergency information to the officer and, if possible, remain at the call box until an officer arrives. Tampering with these units or making false emergency calls is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Crime Prevention Programs**
The Campus Police Department offers a variety of educational crime prevention programs for the campus community and in the residence halls. Topics include drug and alcohol awareness, crime prevention and safety, internet awareness and safety, personal safety, travel safety, etc.
The Rape, Aggression, Defense (RAD) system is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The RAD System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training; it is not a martial arts program. RAD is offered as a Women's Self Defense 7-week course each fall and spring semester. This 0.5 credit hour class will fulfill half of the General Education physical education requirement. Officer Nichole Davis, a nationally certified RAD instructor, is the instructor for these courses. For more information, contact Officer Davis at 276-328-COPS or nld2y@uvawise.edu.

**Operation ID**
Participants are given the opportunity to label personal property and valuables brought to campus with hand-held engravers. The Department maintains records of these items.

**Semester & Year-End Transports**
The Campus Police Department works with students to provide transportation assistance for residential students who are leaving/returning to campus for semester and/or year-end breaks. This transportation is only provided to students who do not have a vehicle on campus. Please note the following details:

- Students must provide a five (5) day advance notice of transportation needs to the Campus Police Department, except in the case of a verifiable emergency.

- There is a $25 one-way fee required per student being transported to or from the Greyhound Bus Stations (Bristol or Kingsport, TN) or the Tri-Cities Regional Airport (Blountville, TN); the roundtrip fee is $50.

- Each student must be at the designated pick-up point ten (10) minutes before campus departure time. It is the responsibility of the student to be on time. The driver is not responsible for contacting individual students who are not present when the shuttle is ready to leave campus.

- If a student requests transportation and then makes other arrangements without notifying Campus Police, the transportation fee will still be billed to the student's account.

- Transportation requests must be arranged during regular business hours each weekday with the Campus Police Department at 276-328-0190 or by coming into the Cantrell Hall office.

**Vehicles & Parking**
All vehicles parked on campus must be registered with the Campus Police Department and display a valid parking decal. Decals, which are
valid for one year (August to August), may be purchased in the Campus Police office for a $60 annual fee for full-time employees and students; a $24 annual fee is charged for part-time employees and students. See the Resources link, above left, for more information.

**Sexual Assaults**

UVa-Wise is committed to providing programs, activities, and an educational environment free from sex discrimination. Programs on the prevention and response to acts of sexual violence are provided by residence life professional and student staff during orientation, in hall talks and programming, and throughout the year in special events by guest speakers or College employees. Further, UVa-Wise police officers conduct educational programs and self-defense classes with college women to teach them about the prevalence of both stranger and non-stranger sexual assaults as well as what constitutes a non-forcible sexual offense.

**Reporting Sexual Misconduct Specifically**

**IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED, BE SURE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

- Report the incident as soon as possible to the UVa-Wise Campus Police, during the weekdays from 8am-5pm, or in person by coming to the lower level of Cantrell Hall. If you need to report an assault after hours, dial 911.
- Students have the option to notify appropriate law enforcement authorities, including the UVa-Wise Campus Police and the appropriate local police agency, depending on where the assault occurred, and College personnel, Counseling Services, within the Center for Student Development (276-376-1005) or the Dean of Students Office (276-328-376-1004) will assist the student in notifying these authorities, if the student requests assistance.
- UVa-Wise has appointed Stephanie Perry as the Title IX Coordinator. Students are encouraged to also report sexual misconduct, to include sexual assault, to her or by telephone at 276-328-0240.
- Get medical attention. It is important to get medical attention -- as soon as possible after the assault -- from a hospital emergency room, private physician, or the UVa-Wise health clinic.
- Be sure to preserve any evidence that may be necessary to prove the assault occurred. Do not shower or bathe, douche, or change or launder any clothing worn during the assault, until you are examined by a doctor.

NOTE: In cases where a sexual assault victim has bathed, showered, or otherwise compromised potential evidence, he/she should still report the assault; as such actions may not prevent prosecution or conduct proceedings from going forward.

**Resources and Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assault**

If you have been sexually assaulted and want counseling, follow-up medical care or mental health assistance, you may contact the
Counseling Services located in Cantrell Hall, or reach them by telephone at 276-376-1005.

OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES:

Solutions Counseling
18 7th Street
Norton, VA 24273
Telephone: 276-679-0162

Wise County Behavioral Health Services
3169 2nd Avenue East
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
Telephone: 276-523-8300

Notification to Students of Change in Academic and Housing Following an Incident of Sexual Misconduct

The Office of Housing can provide assistance to a student if he/she needs to make changes in his/her academic status or living situation after an assault has occurred, if those changes are requested and reasonably available.

Policy Regarding Campus Disciplinary Procedures in Case of an Incident of Sexual Misconduct

A UVa-Wise student charged with sexual assault under the college's sexual assault policy may be disciplined under the appropriate UVa-Wise Student Code of Conduct, as well as prosecuted under Virginia’s criminal statutes. Whether or not a criminal prosecution occurs, the College retains the right to proceed with disciplinary action at any time. The College need not await the disposition of any such criminal prosecution. The disciplinary action will be handled in accordance with the student code of conduct.

Possible sanctions that may be imposed following the final determination of an on-campus disciplinary procedure regarding rape, acquaintance rape, or other sexual offenses may include dismissal or expulsion, suspension or conduct probation.

Statement Of Accused And Accuser Notification Of Outcome Of Disciplinary Procedure

In cases where a UVa-Wise student is charged with sexual assault, the student code of conduct provides that both the accuser and accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a campus disciplinary proceeding. Additionally, in accordance with federal regulations, both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding alleging sexual assault. Upon written request, UVa-Wise will disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such
crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of this paragraph.

**Sex Offenders**
Convicted sex offenders are required by law to register their names and addresses with the Virginia State Police and the local law enforcement agency. You may obtain State information on individuals registered as sex offenders by visiting the Sex Offender Registry website at [http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/](http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/).