



Policy Number 7.4

Chapter: Police & Safety

Title: Sexual Assault

Division/Department: Police & Campus Safety/Auraria Campus Police Department

Policy Administrator: Chief of Police

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1. PURPOSE

The Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) is committed to preventing and responding appropriately to all reports of sexual assaults on the Auraria Campus and to working collaboratively with law enforcement and government and community agencies.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Auraria Campus: All grounds, buildings and facilities located within the boundaries of the Auraria Higher Education Center.
- 2.2. Constituent Institution: As defined in C.R.S. § 23-70-101(b), an institution of higher education at and within AHEC, including Community College of Denver (CCD), University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver), and Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver).
- 2.3. Sexual Assault: An offense classified as a Sex Offense under the [National Incident-Based Reporting System](#) (NIBRS) of the [Uniform Crime Reporting System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation](#), or defined as sexual assault or unlawful sexual contact under Colorado law, [C.R.S. § 18-3-402 - 404](#). NIBRS defines a sex offense in general as “any sexual act including Rape, Sodomy, Sexual Assault with an Object, or Fondling directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent; also unlawful sexual intercourse.” As used in this policy, “Sexual Assault” includes attempted Sexual Assault.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. This Policy applies to Sexual Assaults occurring on the Auraria Campus and is in addition to the policies of the Constituent Institutions regarding Sexual Assault or

other sex offenses. For the Constituent Institutions' policies, procedures and resources, contact the following representatives or campus judicial officers:

Community College of Denver

Title IX Coordinator
CCD Box 240
PO Box 173363
Denver, CO 80217
303-352-3220

[Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)

Metropolitan State College of Denver

Executive Director, Office of Equal
Opportunity
Title IX Coordinator
Jordan Student Success Building Suite 306
Phone: 303-615-0036

[Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)

University of Colorado at Denver

Title IX Coordinator & Director of Title IX
Office of Equity
Lawrence Street Center
Campus Box #187
1380 Lawrence Street, 12th Floor
Denver, CO 80217
Phone: 303-315-2567
Email: equity@ucdenver.edu

[Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)

Auraria Higher Education Center

Chief of Police
[Auraria Campus Police Department](#)
1201 5th Street
PO Box 173361
Denver, CO 80217-3361
303-556-5000

- 3.2. Penalties for violations of this policy may include employee disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination of employment and exclusion from the Auraria Campus, and may result in criminal charges and civil liability.
- 3.3. Sexual Assault Prevention on the Auraria Campus:
In addition to prevention programs provided by the Constituent Institutions, the Auraria Campus Police Department offers Sexual Assault education and information programs to the Auraria Campus community. These include regularly scheduled classes, training programs provided to a department on request, and the [safety videos offered on the ACPD website](#).
- 3.4. Sexual Assault Reporting:
 - 3.4.1. Any person who believes they have been the victim of a Sexual Assault on the Auraria Campus should first ensure that they are in a safe place and that they are receiving any necessary medical treatment, including, if desired, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam, which is medical forensic examination performed by specially trained medical professionals for the purpose of evaluation and treatment of trauma,

treatment of possible exposure to infection, referral to counseling and follow-up medical care, and for the collection of evidence following a report of Sexual Assault by a victim. Transportation to Denver Health Medical Center for a SANE exam or counseling services is offered by the [Health Center at Auraria's Sexual Assault Services program](#).

- 3.4.2. Any person who is the victim of, witness to, or who receives a report of an incident of Sexual Assault should report the incident immediately to the Auraria Campus Police Department at 303-556-5000, or by dialing 911. Reports may be made anonymously. Students and employees of a Constituent Institution may also report to their institution's representative listed in section 3.1 above, a faculty member, or an administrative official.
- 3.4.3. Any person who witnesses or receives a report of a Sexual Assault on the Auraria Campus should immediately notify the ACPD of the incident and may be required to report the incident in accordance with their Constituent Institution's policies. The identity of the persons involved in or reporting the incident is not essential for reporting.
- 3.4.4. Reports should be made as soon as possible after the incident, particularly where the assailant may pose a threat to the others.
- 3.5. Options for Victims of Sexual Assaults/Other Sexual Offenses:
 - 3.5.1. The victim of an alleged Sexual Assault or other offense on the Auraria Campus has several options available to them:
 - To get immediate crisis counseling (24 hours a day) by contacting the Blue Bench Sexual Assault hotline (303-322-7273).
 - To file a crime report with the ACPD or other law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred.
 - To file a civil lawsuit or restraining order request against the accused.
 - To file a complaint against an accused assailant who is an AHEC employee through AHEC's Procedures for Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Retaliation Complaints (the "AHEC Procedures"), or against a Constituent Institution's employee, student or affiliate through the Institution's appropriate process. If the victim chooses this option, they can expect:
 - To be afforded all the same rights available to the accused as outlined in the AHEC Procedures or the Institution's specific policies and procedures.
 - To make an anonymous report to ACPD or a Constituent Institution official without including personal identifiers.

3.6. Confidential counseling and support services:

- Victims of sex offenses can be seen confidentially at the [Health Center at Auraria](#). During regular business hours, victims should call the Health Center at 303-615-9911 or come in to 955 Lawrence Way Plaza, Suite 150, for immediate care or an appointment.
- After hours, victims should seek immediate assistance from Denver Health Medical Center at 770 Bannock Street, Denver, telephone 303-436-6000. For additional resources, see below or contact the institutional representative listed in section 3.1 above.

3.7. Additional resources for students include:

- The Phoenix Center at Auraria (available to any student)
<http://www.thepca.org>
Helpline: 303-556-CALL (2255) (24/7)
- MSU Denver Counseling Center (for MSU Denver Students only—at no charge)
Tivoli Student Union, Suite 651
303-615-9999
<http://www.msudenver.edu/counsel>
- CU Denver Student & Community Counseling Center
(for CU Denver students—at no charge; fees may apply to MSU Denver and CCD students)
Tivoli Student Union, Suite 454
303-315-7270
<http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/counseling-center/pages/default.aspx>
- MSU Denver Gender Institute for Teaching and Advocacy (referrals and community resources)
1059 9th Street Park
303-615-2052
<http://www.msudenver.edu/gita>

3.8. Other Resources:

Local law enforcement agencies:

- Denver District Attorney's Office
720-913-9000
Victims Compensation: 720-913-9253
www.denverda.org

- Denver Police Department
Emergency: 911
TDD/TTY: 720-913-2000
Non-Emergency: 720-913-2000
Victim Assistance Unit: 720-913-6035
Sex Crimes Unit: 720-913-6050
Sex Crimes Hotline: 720-913-6359
www.denvergov.org/police

Community agencies/resources available in the Denver/Metro area:

- Colorado Coalition against Sexual Assault (CCASA)
303-861-7033
www.ccasa.org
- Denver Center for Crime Victims
Hotline: 303-894-8000
TTY: 303-860-9555
Administrative line: 303-894-0660
www.denvervictims.org
- Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA)
Hotline: 303-443-7300
Administrative Office: 303-443-0400
<https://movingtoendsexualassault.org/>
- The Blue Bench Hotline: 303-322-7273
Spanish: 303-329-0031
TTY: 303-329-0023
Administrative Office: 303-329-9922 (M-F 9am-5pm)
- WINGS Foundation (Survivors of childhood sexual abuse; support groups for men and women. Groups available for men and women.)
303-238-8660
Toll free: 800-373-8671
www.wingsfound.org

Community specific services/resources:

- Anti-Violence Project of Colorado (gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender)
303-839-5204
24-hour crisis: 303-852-5094/ 1-888-557-4441
www.coavp.org

- Asian Pacific Development Center (Asian American / Pacific Islander)
303-393-0304 (24 hours)
303-365-2959 x116 (Interpreters bank, fee for service)
www.apdc.org
- Denver Indian Health & Family Services (Native American / Indigenous)
303-781-4050
303-936-2688 (8-12, 1-5pm M-F)
www.denverindiancenter.org
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Text START to 88788
TDD: 303-839-5510
- DOVE, Advocacy Services for Abused Deaf Women and Children
24 hour hotline: 303-831-7874
www.deafdove.org
- Servicios De La Raza (Chicano / Mexicano / Latino & Spanish speaking)
303-458-5851
24 hour crisis line: 303-458-7088
www.serviciosdelaraza.org

4. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

This Policy has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors for the Auraria Higher Education Center.

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Chairperson of the Auraria Board