

Labette Community College promotes being an Active Bystander for healthy relationships among students and staff. The CARE (Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education) program supports LCC's mission by preventing relationship violence in line with Title IX, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, the SaVE Act, and Clery Act.

An Active Bystander is someone who intervenes or acts to prevent or stop harmful behavior, such as bullying, violence, sexual assault, stalking, or substance abuse from occurring or escalating on campus.

Risk Reduction Techniques

While you can take steps to minimize your risk of an assault, remember that the only person to blame when violence happens is the perpetrator.

- Stay aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid isolated areas.
- Walk confidently.
- Trust your instincts.
- Keep your phone charged.
- Avoid isolation with strangers or untrustworthy people.
- Keep one ear open when using headphones.
- Leave if a situation feels wrong.
- Assert your boundaries and notice when they're not respected.
- Be mindful of the effects of alcohol and drugs on your ability to protect yourself.
- Control access to your home, dorm, or car
- Travel in groups whenever possible.
- Ask for help when you feel unsafe.

Local Authorities

- Parsons Police Dept. non-emergency 620.421.7060
- Labette County Sheriff's Office 620.795.2565
- Cherokee County Sherriff's Office 620.429.3992

Victim Assistance Numbers

- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800.799.7233 or text "START" to 88788
- Labette Center for Mental Health 620.421.3770 or 800.303.3770
- Community Health Center of SEK 620.717.4450

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

- Labette Health 620.421.4881
- CHC SEK Pittsburg 620.231.9873
- Via Christi Hospital 620.232.0289

Everyone at LCC is considered a responsible reporter except the individuals listed below. Please visit with one of the following advisors if you prefer they not be required to report the incident.

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LABETTE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CARE PROGRAM

(Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education)

**Prevention and Education Efforts to
Help Stop Relationship Violence**

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The LCC CARE Program addresses bullying, domestic or dating violence, online violence, sexual assault, stalking, and substance abuse. Labette Community College Administration takes these matters seriously and encourages all interested parties to report incidents of this nature to the Title IX Coordinators listed in this brochure.

What should I do if I've been sexually assaulted?

If you've experienced sexual assault, you might be grappling with various emotions like shock, anger, sadness, or confusion. Remember, you're not alone in this, and there are many avenues of support available.

1. Prioritize your safety

If you're in immediate danger, call 911. Seek medical attention promptly if you're injured.

2. Reach out for support

Whether it's confiding in a trusted friend, family member, or seeking assistance from trained professionals, such as those at Labette Center for Mental Health, Community Health Centers of SEK, or the Case Manager on LCC's campus, know that help is accessible.

3. Consider seeking an evidence collection kit at the hospital

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners can administer these kits within 72 hours of an assault. Preserving evidence is crucial in order to give yourself the option to pursue legal or judicial action in the future. Avoid bathing, brushing teeth, or washing clothes to preserve evidence.

4. Consider about reporting the assault

You can contact local law enforcement in your community or reach out on campus to the Title IX Coordinators or the Case Manager for assistance. LCC prioritizes sexual assault cases and aims to support victims without penalizing them for alcohol use around the time of the assault.

5. Honor your feelings

You may be experiencing feelings of fear, sadness, despair, or even guilt or self-blame. It's crucial to understand that the assault is never your fault and you didn't invite or deserve it.

Source: Adapted from Wake Forest University's Safe Office support resources for sexual assault survivors. url: <https://safeoffice.wfu.edu/>

How do I make a report of a violent act such as bullying, domestic or dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or substance abuse?

Every employee at LCC is considered a mandated reporter other than those identified as a Confidential Resource. Reports made to any LCC mandated reporter will be shared with the Title IX Coordinators in a timely manner. You can do this by phone, email, or mail at any time.

OR

Use our online reporting form available at www.labette.edu/forms/ir.html. If you decide to file a formal complaint, it must be submitted in person, by mail, or electronically with your signature or another indication that you're the one filing the complaint. If your notice doesn't meet this standard, we'll reach out to ensure it is filed correctly.

What if I wish to remain anonymous?

Reach out to one of the Confidential Resources listed in this brochure by phone, email, or mail anytime. They'll keep your information confidential, following their professional guidelines, unless there's an urgent threat, abuse of a vulnerable individual, or a legal requirement to disclose. Confidential Resources will also provide anonymous statistics for Clery Act (campus safety) purposes unless it could harm you.

OR

Use our online reporting form available at www.labette.edu/forms/ir.html. Please note that anonymous reports provided this way may still require investigation, and we aim to provide support to all complainants.

What does it mean to "consent" to sexual conduct?

"Consent" is a willingness or agreement to engage in conduct. Consent must be freely given with full information of the facts and circumstances. A person cannot give valid consent in Kansas if they are:

- Overcome by force or fear;
- Unconscious or powerless;
- Mentally incapacitated, whether due to a mental disease or alcohol/drug intoxication;
- Under the minimum age required to give consent in Kansas (K.S.A. 21-5503); or
- Providing apparent consent to to fraud or misrepresentation.

What protection can Labette give me if I'm afraid of retaliation after filing a complaint?

LCC protect students from retaliation if they report sexual harassment or violence. If you face any form of harassment from the alleged perpetrator or their associates, report it immediately to our Title IX Coordinator. We take swift action to address any retaliation or new incidents of harassment.

What protection can Labette give me if I'm afraid of encountering my assailant on campus or in class?

If your assailant attends the same classes as you, we'll promptly adjust your class schedule to minimize contact. A no-contact order will be issued to the assailant, and any attempt to contact you should be reported immediately to the Title IX Coordinator.

What do I do if I have a restraining or no-contact order?

If you have a restraining or no-contact order, inform either of the Title IX Coordinators. We'll assure that the order is enforced on campus and during college events.

For more detailed information, please see LCC Procedure 2.010 Sexual Harassment.