

## Purple Folder

The Purple Folder is your guide to responding when someone shares an experience of Sexualized Violence. The Purple Folder outlines appropriate and supportive responses when someone shares an experience of sexualized violence, a full list of supports and resources on campus and in the community, reporting options, and more. Visit [dal.ca/purplefolder](http://dal.ca/purplefolder)

## Support/Resources on Campus and in the Community

Experiencing Sexualized Violence can be confusing and traumatic but there are resources on campus and in the community available to support your healing process. Support can also be found in family, friends, counsellors, family doctors, Residence Assistants, coaches, and other individuals and organizations. If you have questions about Sexualized Violence, contact the Sexualized Violence Response Team (SVRT) at [svrt@dal.ca](mailto:svrt@dal.ca) or call 902-493-7100. If you have questions about Sexualized Violence, contact the Sexualized Violence Response Team (SVRT) at [svrt@dal.ca](mailto:svrt@dal.ca) or call 902-493-7100.

## Definitions\*

**Sexual Assault** is any form of unwanted, forced or coerced sexual activity, including kissing, fondling, touching, and any kind of intercourse, that is done without their Consent; or any attempts or threats to force sexual activity.

**Sexual Harassment** is vexatious sexual conduct or comment that is known or ought reasonably to be known as unwelcome; It includes sexual solicitations or advances by an individual in a position to confer a benefit on, or deny a benefit to whom the solicitation or advance is made. It also includes a reprisal or threat of reprisal for rejecting a sexual solicitation or advance.

**Sexualized Violence** is an umbrella term that refers to an act of violence, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is characterized by an attempt to threaten, intimidate, coerce or engage in any unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature

**Consent** refers to the voluntary agreement of an individual. It is positive, active, ongoing, at every step of intimacy, and can be withdrawn at any time. Consent cannot be obtained where a person is incapable of consenting – as may be the case when intoxicated. Consent cannot be given where a person is induced to engage in the activity by someone abusing a position of trust, power or authority.

## Disclosure vs. Report

**Disclosing** refers to the sharing of information by a Member of the University Community or Visitor with the Sexualized Violence Advisor about an experience of Sexualized Violence that individual has had. (see section F2.14, F2.15, and F2.16 of the Sexualized Violence Policy.) When disclosing, you can share as little or as much as you are comfortable with. Disclosing an experience of sexualized violence does not necessarily start any other process.

You may want to disclose because you would like to know what supports and accommodations are available to you, to better understand what your reporting options are, or just to tell someone what happened.

**Reporting** refers to a written statement of allegations submitted to the Sexualized Violence Advisor, or other Member of University Community designated under section F2.14, F2.15, and F2.16 of this Policy by a Complainant about an experience of Sexualized Violence that individual has had. When reporting, you will need to provide the names of everyone involved, a detailed description of the behavior that forms the basis of the report, and what you would like to see from this process. Reporting an experience of sexualized violence can start a university process through an Investigative or Non-Investigative stream. Reporting to Police is also an option.

You may want to report because you would like to have an official record of your experience,