



### Further Resources and Information

Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
[www.azcadv.org](http://www.azcadv.org)

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN)  
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

No More  
[www.nomore.org](http://www.nomore.org)

Title IX and Clery Act  
[www.knowyourix.org](http://www.knowyourix.org)  
[www.notalone.gov](http://www.notalone.gov)

The National Domestic Violence Hotline  
[www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

AWC Violence Intervention & Prevention Website  
[www.azwestern.edu/student-life/health-and-wellness/violence-intervention-and-prevention](http://www.azwestern.edu/student-life/health-and-wellness/violence-intervention-and-prevention)



### Student Health & Wellness Services

Yuma Campus, 3C - One Stop Shop  
(928) 344-7602

M–Th 7:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

[www.azwestern.edu/health](http://www.azwestern.edu/health)

 @AWCwellness

 @awc\_health\_well

*Arizona Western College does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs or activities regardless of religion, sex, creed, national origin, race, age, and disability or handicapping condition.*



Arizona Western College is committed to providing a safe and healthy campus environment in which there exists mutual respect for all students, faculty, staff and guests of the College. Consistent with this commitment, AWC takes violence in any form against anyone seriously. The College will take prompt and effective steps to end harassment, stalking, sexual violence, domestic violence or dating violence, eliminate any hostile environment and prevent its recurrence. AWC recognizes both men and women as potential perpetrators or victims of violence and that violence can involve people of the same or different genders. The Student Code of Conduct prohibits behaviors including but not limited to:

- 4.5 Sexual Misconduct
- 4.6 Sexual Harassment
- 4.7 Sexual Exploitation
- 4.8 Stalking & Cyber-Stalking
- 4.9 Harassment and Discrimination
- 4.10 Relationship Violence (Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and/or Relationship Abuse)

## On-Campus Resources

### Student Health & Wellness Services

Yuma Campus (928) 344-7602

3C One Stop Shop

M–Th 7:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

South County (928) 314-9426

La Paz County (928) 669-2214

[www.azwestern.edu/health](http://www.azwestern.edu/health)

### Campus Life

(928) 344-7593

College Community Center (3C), top floor

M–Th 7:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

[www.azwestern.edu/student-life](http://www.azwestern.edu/student-life)

### AWC Campus Police

(928) 314-9500

District Services Building (DS)

24 hours/7 days assistance

### Title IX Compliance Officer

(928) 344-7505

### Human Resources Office

College Community Center (3C), mezzanine level

### Residence Life

(928) 317-6421 or any Hall Director

## Off-Campus Resources

### Amberly's Place (Yuma County)

24 Hour Crisis Hotline (928) 373-0849

Victim assistance and advocacy

[www.amberlysplace.com](http://www.amberlysplace.com)

### Haven Family Resource Center (La Paz County)

(928) 505-3153

Victim assistance and advocacy

[www.havenfamilyresourcecenter.com](http://www.havenfamilyresourcecenter.com)

### Safehouse (Yuma County)

(928) 782-0077

24 Hour Crisis Shelter

### The Healing Journey

(928) 920-6220

Supporting survivors through peer support groups

[www.thehealingjourneyyuma.org](http://www.thehealingjourneyyuma.org)

# Sexual Misconduct & Relationship Violence

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE



## What is Sexual Misconduct?

Sexual Misconduct is a non-legal term used by the College to describe any unwanted sexual acts or behavior (forcible or non-forcible). This encompasses a range of behaviors including but not limited to:

- Inappropriate touching of a person's breasts/chest, buttocks, inner thighs, groin, or genitalia either directly or indirectly
- Indecent exposure
- Sexual exploitation – conduct that takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his/her own gain or benefit.
- Public sexual indecency
- Sexual assault – any non-consensual sexual act whether forcible or non-forcible upon another person
- Inducing incapacitation using alcohol, drugs, or other means for sexual purposes
- Watching, recording, or attempting to record with any device the intimate acts or parts of others without the knowledge and consent of all parties
- Sexual harassment – any unwelcome, unwanted sexual advance, request for sexual favors or other written, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature

## Understanding Consent

Consent is knowing, voluntary, and clear permission to engage in mutually agreed upon sexual activity or contact. Since individuals may experience the same interaction in different ways, it is the responsibility of each party to make certain that the other has consented before engaging in the activity.

- Consent can be withdrawn by either party at any time. If this happens, the other person must stop immediately
- Silence or the absence of resistance is not consent
- Consent to some sexual contact cannot be presumed to be consent for other sexual activity
- A current or previous relationship does not establish consent

- Consent must be “knowing” to be valid. A person who is underage, unable to understand what is happening, disoriented, helpless, asleep, or unconscious for any reason (including due to voluntary or involuntary use of alcohol or drugs) cannot give consent.

## What is Relationship Violence?

**Dating Violence** is committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with another person. The existence of such relationship shall be determined based on the following factors:

- Length of the relationship
- Type of relationship
- Frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

Dating violence includes, but is not limited to sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.

**Domestic Violence** is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over:

- Current or former spouse or intimate partner
- Person with whom the victim shares a child
- Person who is cohabitating with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse
- Person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim

## Risk Reduction & Prevention

- Clearly communicate
- Understand and respect personal boundaries
- Ask for consent rather than assume
- Be aware that alcohol/drugs impair judgment, lower sexual inhibitions, and may make you vulnerable
- Watch out for your friends and ask that they watch out for you

Acts of sexual misconduct and violence can happen anywhere, at any time, to anyone. Help is available both on and off-campus. Please refer to the resource list provided in this brochure or visit [www.azwestern.edu/student-life/health-and-wellness/violence-intervention-and-prevention](http://www.azwestern.edu/student-life/health-and-wellness/violence-intervention-and-prevention).

## Evaluate the situation

Some questions to ask yourself might include:

- Is the behavior mutual or wanted?
- How would I feel if I were in that situation?
- Would I want someone to help me or intervene if I were in their shoes?

## Do Something

Decide how to safely act; If there is physical injury or immediate danger, call 911 or Campus Police.

The following intervention strategies are other options:

- Distract – refocus the attention away from the situation
- Be Direct – address the person being targeted or the problematic behavior yourself.  
You might say:  
“Is everything ok?”  
“Do you want me to call someone for you?”  
“Do you need help?”  
“Stop!”  
“Hey, that’s not cool!”
- Delegate – Report it to someone else who can help  
Call the police  
Tell a faculty or staff member  
Ask a friend  
Contact on-campus or off-campus resources

## Bystander Intervention

Becoming an active bystander (one who chooses to act to decrease the likelihood that violence will happen or a situation of concern will escalate) instead of being a passive bystander (one who just observes) is an essential piece to violence prevention.

There are various actions one can take to intervene. Choosing to act can be something as simple as asking the person you are worried about if they are okay or reporting the situation to someone else who can help. We all have responsibility to maintain a safe and healthy campus. Here are some suggestions on how to become an active bystander:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Identify potential problems & dangerous situations
- Trust your “gut” – don’t downplay those feelings



## AWC Reporting Options:

- Submit a written report  
Access the online incident report at [www.azwestern.edu/incidentreport](http://www.azwestern.edu/incidentreport)
- Call Campus Police at (928) 314-9500
- Tell a faculty or staff member

Retaliation against any person who reports or participates in a report and/or investigation of sexual assault/misconduct, domestic/dating violence, sexual exploitation or stalking is strictly prohibited.

## Conduct Process

- 1 Report - can be verbal, written, or third party
- 2 Support, resources, remedy hostile environment
- 3 Investigation
- 4 Hearing
- 5 Sanctions imposed - for more information, please refer to the Student Code of Conduct on the Campus Life website at [www.azwestern.edu/incidentreport](http://www.azwestern.edu/incidentreport)