Bringing in the Bystander® Exemption Request

Students requesting an exemption from attending Bringing in the Bystander® (BITB) are required to contact the Program Coordinator, Joanne Sampson, at jsampson@udel.edu or 302-831-3457.

An exemption request does not require any disclosure of details regarding the sexual misconduct situation. Each request will be treated confidentially unless:

1) There is a safety concern for the student.
   a) If there is any indication of suicidality or self-harm, the psychologist on call will be contacted.

2) There is a safety concern for someone other than the student.
   a) The police will be contacted.

3) There is a safety concern for the community.
   a) The police will be contacted.

4) If it is disclosed that the student was under the age of 18 when the sexual misconduct occurred.
   a) In Delaware, anyone over the age of 18 who knows about child abuse or has a good-faith reason to suspect that someone has committed child abuse, is required to report to the Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families via the “Child Abuse and Neglect Report Line.” This includes adult survivors of child abuse. You can access more information here: http://kids.delaware.gov/fs/fs_kids.shtml.
   b) If there is a concern about possible child abuse on our campus, the following immediate steps apply:
      i) The University Police will be contacted by calling 911 or 302-831-2222.
      ii) A report will be made to the state’s child abuse reporting line at 1-800-292-9582.
      iii) Once the telephone reports to University Police and Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families have been made, the appropriate supervisor will be informed, who will in turn notify the appropriate vice president.

When someone has been harmed by sexual violence (sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic/dating violence, childhood sexual abuse, and/or stalking), they are much more vulnerable to being sexually harmed again in the future. Therefore, students requesting an exemption are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with one of Student Wellness and Health Promotion’s (SWHP) professional victim advocates, so that they can be provided with the important information that would otherwise be missed. Students can make an appointment by
calling SWHP on 302-831-3457, or by scheduling online at https://sites.udel.edu/studentwellness/victim-services/.

The student’s request for exemption will be assessed within a timely manner (usually two business days) and the outcome will be communicated privately via email.

Survivors of sexual misconduct will be provided with the following resources/information:

1) Student Wellness and Health Promotion Victim Services can be found here: http://sites.udel.edu/studentwellness/victim-services/

2) 24 hour crisis assistance can be found here: http://sites.udel.edu/sos/24-hour-help/

3) Newark Campus Sexual Misconduct Resources and Support for Students can be found here: https://sites.udel.edu/sexualmisconduct/files/2017/07/Sexual-misconduct_Student-2017-07-1eqg4kf.pdf

4) Students have the option to report the incident to the University of Delaware and/or the UDPD. More information about reporting can be found here: http://sites.udel.edu/sexualmisconduct/how-to-report/

5) Electronic version of the Sexual Misconduct Resource Card.