

# COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS

## How to respond when a student confides in you.

If a student is disclosing an experience of sexual violence to you, they likely consider you a trusted advisor - but it is important that you let them know upfront that you are not a confidential resource. If you sense a student is about to disclose something, you may say:

"Thank you for trusting me. I want to let you know that I am not a confidential resource, which means that I may need to share anything you tell me about an experience of misconduct with the Title IX Coordinator. I can let you know your options for confidential advice and support, on and off campus. I want you to make a choice about whom you feel comfortable sharing with."

## Confidential Resources

A confidential resource is someone you can talk to who will not notify the police or campus authorities.

**Merced and Los Banos campus:**  
**Personal Counselor**  
**209-384- 6045**

**Valley Crisis Center Advocate:**  
**24 Hour Hotline:**  
**209-722-HELP (4357)**

## Reporting Resources

Sexual Violence is against Merced College policy. The campus Title IX Coordinator will explain your options for reporting sexual violence.

**Kelly Avila**  
**VP of Human Resources**  
**209-384-6102**

You may wish to report to the campus police department. Please note that reporting does not commit you to filing charges. You are welcome to bring someone with you or request an advocate be present.

**Merced College Campus Police**  
**209-386-6600**

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