

How to Report an Incident

Lewis University

If you want to report a sexual assault to the police you need to do this as quickly as possible. However, while prompt reporting is helpful, delays in reporting are common, and Lewis University has no explicit time limit on reporting, as long as the accused student is still enrolled.

If an assault occurs off-campus, the local police in that jurisdiction should be notified.

You should report a sexual assault by calling Campus Police at 815-836-5911 or 911. You should report the assault even if you do not plan on pressing charges. Reporting isn't the same thing as prosecuting. A decision to prosecute can be made later.

If you think you may report the assault now or even possibly at any time in the future, it is best if you are able to preserve any evidence that may have been left. Do not bathe, shower, douche, brush your teeth, chew gum or eat or drink anything. This is to preserve any biological evidence that could be collected. You should also preserve physical evidence that might contain bodily fluids, this can include, the clothing you were wearing, bed linens, a discarded condom etc.

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