

If you experience same-sex sexual assault, you will likely struggle with the decision of whether or not to report the incident, and could potentially face additional barriers to reporting – or even talking about – the assault. You may be concerned that you will not be taken seriously, or that you will experience homophobia, lack of support, and or denial. If you decide to report the incident, you have rights. You can and should:

- Be treated with dignity and respect by all police, medical, and legal personnel;
- Be treated without prejudice regarding your sexual orientation or the gender of your assailant;
- Be able to keep your name confidential;
- to have your reactions to the rape treated as normal, not pathological or crazy;
- Heal at your own pace; and,
- Have an advocate from the Resource Connection Crisis Center accompany you for support, if you choose.