Resources to Support Survivors of Gender-based Violence

RESOURCES IN SAN LUIS OBISPO

- **Cal Poly International Center**
  805-756-1477
  Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (PST)
  Building 52, Room E32

- **Safer**
  805-756-2282
  Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (PST)
  UU (Building 65), Room 217

- **Cal Poly Health & Counseling Center**
  805-756-1211
  Building 27

- **RISE, Sexual Assault and Intimate-Partner Violence 24-Hour Crisis Line**
  805-226-5400

- **Local Police Departments**
  911 (from within US ONLY)
  SLO PD: 805-781-7317
  University PD: 805-756-2281

NATIONAL RESOURCES

- **RAINN, National Sexual Assault Hotline**
  rainn.org
  800-656-HOPE (4673)

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Americans Overseas Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Crisis Center**
  866uswomen.org
  International Toll-Free: 866-USWOMEN (866-879-6636)
  Instructions for international calling are available on the website
  Find out more about how they can help: AODVCC/SASHAA

- **Your Program Provider**
  Contact information can be found on the Study Abroad website
  studyabroad.calpoly.edu

- **Local U.S. Embassy or Consulate**
  Look up your local embassy/consulate at usembassy.gov
  To contact the Department of State from overseas call 202-501-4444 (this is a non-emergency contact)
  Find out more about consular help: Consular Help Abroad

- **Local Police/Autorities**
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CONSULAR HELP ABROAD

Consulates CAN:

- Replace a stolen passport
- Contact family, friends, or employers
- Help you obtain appropriate medical care
- Address emergency needs that arise because of a crime committed against you
- Explain local criminal justice process
- Obtain information about your case
- Connect you with local and U.S. resources for assistance
- Obtain information about local and U.S. victim compensation programs
- Provide list of lawyers who speak English

Consulates canNOT:

- Investigate crimes
- Provide legal advice or represent you in court
- Serve as official interpreters or translators
- Pay legal, medical, or other fees for you

Visit travel.state.gov for more information
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**AODVCC/SASHAA**

- Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center (AODVCC)
- Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad (SASHAA)
- Provide emotional support and safety planning with survivors. Do their best to mitigate any shame and empower them, and discuss potential issues that may arise as a result of the assault.
- Depending on which country assault occurred in, let survivor know if it is safe for them to report the assault or even go to a local hospital for treatment. For example, in countries with Sharia law, a survivor can be imprisoned for being sexually assaulted, so potentially emergency transportation (an immediate bus, train or plane ticket) either home or to a country nearby in which could they could receive appropriate medical care without jeopardizing them, could be provided.
- For most countries, database is immediately assessed and survivor is notified what protocols are in place for that particular country for reporting an assault. Help is provided with any of the steps that they require assistance with.
- Only do what the survivor feels comfortable with. We offer information and options and let the survivor choose what they want to do.
- Help with:
  - “Self-collection” and preservation of evidence to potentially assist in prosecution
  - Hiring translators
  - Speaking with DAs and law enforcement
  - Finding attorneys to help a victim seek redress
  - writing letters in support of incarcerating rapists and holding them accountable
  - On-going support
  - In conjunction with other agencies, travel back to the country in which the assault took place to testify
  - Speak with potential witnesses and assisted in gathering information
  - Work with the Embassies, Interpol, the FBI
  - Work with the Department of State and have helped clients gain access to immediate visas for travel
  - Track down records
  - Research local resources for the victims who choose to remain abroad to connect with
  - Free counseling services over the phone by trained therapists
  - Option to educate the families of victims about helpful ways to offer emotional support and help family members who have trouble coping with the assault as well