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2019 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct FAQs

What is the Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct?

Promoting a safe and healthy campus climate is Ohio State's top priority. As part of [Buckeyes ACT](#), Ohio State's comprehensive plan to combat sexual misconduct, Ohio State is participating in a national administration of a Campus Climate Survey during spring semester 2019. The survey will be available to all students age 18 or older from March 18 through April 12 and is anonymous and voluntary, though broad participation is encouraged. Students can access the survey via go.osu.edu/climatesurvey. Information collected through the survey will allow Ohio State to enhance policies, programs, support and services.

Why me and what is this about?

All students at Ohio State are encouraged to answer a climate survey on sexual misconduct. The results will be used to guide policies to encourage a healthy, safe and nondiscriminatory environment on campus. Our goal is to make Ohio State as safe as possible by developing programs and services that minimize sexual assault, sexual misconduct, as well as respond to these events when they do occur. This survey is an important tool for us to assess current programs, shape future policies and track progress over time. Broad student participation will allow the university to focus on programs and resources that will be most helpful to the greatest number of students.

What will I be asked to do?

Students are invited to participate in an online survey, available via go.osu.edu/climatesurvey, from March 18 through April 12. This survey includes questions about your knowledge and beliefs about social situations, perceptions related to sexual misconduct at Ohio State and your knowledge of resources available here. This survey also asks about your personal experience with sexual misconduct, such as harassment, sexual assault and other forms of violence. If you need help with assistive technology to complete the survey, visit: [Office of Student Life Disability Services Assistive-Technology: Location/Hours](#)

Who is administering the survey?

The survey is being administered by Westat, a social science research firm, in collaboration with Ohio State and the Association of American Universities.

What will Ohio State do with the results?

The results will be used to further inform and enhance [Buckeyes ACT](#), Ohio State's comprehensive plan to combat sexual misconduct. Over time, survey results will also help Ohio State benchmark our progress in working to prevent and effectively respond to these issues.

How will results be shared?

Consistent with previous years, results will be shared with the campus community in the fall so that students, faculty and staff can continue being a part of the discussion going forward.

I've never experienced sexual misconduct, so why should I take part?

The survey is being conducted to gain perspective from all students; not only those who have been impacted by sexual misconduct. Broad student participation will allow the university to focus on programs and resources that will be most helpful to the greatest number of students. Please encourage your friends and classmates to participate, as well.

How long will the survey take?

This survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Am I required to participate?

You are NOT required to participate in this survey, but are encouraged to so that the university can gather as much information as possible. If you do participate, you may skip any question you are not comfortable answering and may exit the survey at any time.

Will my answers be confidential?

When you complete the survey the link with your name, email and IP address will be broken so that no one will be able to connect these with your survey answers. The results will be presented in summary form so no individual can be identified. However, the university may be obligated to report some information, such as information about felony crimes or child abuse, to the authorities. Should we need to make such a report, we would report only information shared in the survey.

Why are you asking about these sensitive topics?

The university's first priority is a safe and healthy campus for all members of our community. In order to understand the climate at Ohio State, this survey asks direct questions about topics that may be considered sensitive. By collecting this information the university is better able to help prevent negative experiences and effectively respond when they do happen.

Why is the language on the survey so explicit?

Some of the language used in this survey is explicit and possibly uncomfortable, but it is important that the questions are phrased in a way so the intention is clear. By collecting this information the university is better able to help prevent negative experiences and effectively respond when they do happen. Information on how to get help, if you need it, appears on the bottom of each page and at the end of the survey.

Why do you think sexual assault is such an important topic around universities today?

Sexual violence negatively impacts a survivor's physical and emotional health, educational success and many other aspects of daily life. In 2015, Ohio State voluntarily committed to the take part in a campus climate survey administered by the Association of American Universities (AAU) along with 26 other universities in the United States. More information about Ohio State's survey results can be found [online](#). It is the university's obligation under Title IX to respond to the needs of survivors, as well as to investigate and respond to incidents impacting the campus community and to engage in prevention of sexual violence. Ohio State is committed to advancing a safe campus climate for all of our students and the entire university community. More information: www.osu.edu/BuckeyesACT.

How can I learn more about support resources available for victims of sexual misconduct? How can I report an incident?

If you are a survivor of sexual assault, sexual misconduct, stalking, intimate partner violence or sexual harassment, many campus and community resources are available. These resources can provide support, information and details about your medical and reporting options. Please visit: <https://titleix.osu.edu/>.

I still have questions.

If you have any questions about this study, please call the Center for the Study of Student Life at cssl@osu.edu or 614-247-6220 or contact Westat directly at CampusClimateHelp@westat.com or 1-855-793-5324. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, please call Sandra Meadows at the Office of Responsible Research Practices at 1-800-678-6251 or 614-688-4792.