

## **Policy on Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking**

It is the policy of Clinton Community College that domestic violence/intimate partner violence and stalking will not be tolerated. The college will support and assist victims in attaining support. Furthermore, the college will hold perpetrators accountable for their actions through the campus judicial process and law enforcement as appropriate.

### **Definitions**

#### **Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence**

Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner.

Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

- Physical Abuse: Hitting, slapping, shoving, grabbing, pinching, biting, hair-pulling, biting, etc. Physical abuse also includes denying a partner medical care or forcing alcohol and/or drug use.
- Sexual Abuse: Coercing or attempting to coerce any sexual contact or behavior without consent. Sexual abuse includes, but is certainly not limited to marital rape, attacks on sexual parts of the body, forcing sex after physical violence has occurred, or treating one in a sexually demeaning manner.
- Emotional Abuse: Undermining an individual's sense of self-worth and/or self-esteem. This may include, but is not limited to constant criticism, diminishing one's abilities, name-calling, or damaging one's relationship with his or her children.
- Economic Abuse: Making or attempting to make an individual financially dependent by maintaining total control over financial resources, withholding one's access to money, or forbidding one's attendance at school or employment.
- Psychological Abuse: Causing fear by intimidation; threatening physical harm to self, partner, children, or partner's family or friends; destruction of pets and property; and forcing isolation from family, friends, or school and/or work.

Sources: <http://www.USDOJ.org>, National Domestic Violence Hotline, National Center for Victims of Crime, and WomensLaw.org.

#### **Stalking:**

According to the United States Department of Justice, stalking can be defined as a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear such as:

- making unwanted phone calls;
- sending unsolicited or unwanted letters or e-mails;
- following or spying on the victim;
- showing up at a place where one had no reason to be;
- waiting at places for the victim;

- leaving unwanted items, presents, or flowers;
- posting information or spreading rumors about the victim on the internet, in a public place, or by word of mouth.
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Source: <http://www.USDOJ.org>, National Crime Victimization Special Report on Stalking Victimization

**Campus Procedure for Reporting and Responding:**

Reports of domestic violence and stalking on campus will be taken very seriously and will be reported to the Vice President for Student Affairs. These reports can be made through Campus Security, the Director of Campus Life, or with a member of the Counseling Staff. Perpetrators will be subject to judicial action and risk serious consequences which may include dismissal from the college. If a victim would like to pursue criminal charges, they must make a police report.

**Campus Resources for victims include:**

Campus Security	593-0777
Counseling and Advisement	562-4199
Director of Campus Life	562-4381
Vice President for Student Affairs	562-4121

**Community Resources:**

STOP Domestic Violence	563-6904
Plattsburgh City Police	563-3411
NY State Police	563-3761