SUPPORTING A SURVIVOR
BE A HELPER, NOT A RESCUER

HELPERS VS. RESCUERS

- A helper listens to requests for help.

- A helper provides what the victim or survivor says they need.

- A helper checks in with the victim or survivor periodically.

- A helper establishes and maintains appropriate boundaries.

- A helper does most of the listening.

- A helper supports the victim or survivor as they make their own decisions and does their own work.

- A rescuer believes a victim or survivor is helpless and needs someone to save them.

- A rescuer gives help even when it is not asked for.

- A rescuer fails to find out whether the help is welcomed.

- A rescuer gives advice instead of information.

- A rescuer does most of the talking and working.

- A rescuer gives what they decide the victim or survivor needs.


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SEXUAL ASSAULT & VIOLENCE PREVENTION

OFFICE RESOURCES

All services are available for individuals of any race, ethnicity, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, class, ability, citizenship and immigration status, and age.

ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

- Vassar Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) 24/7: (845) 437-7333
- Vassar SAVP Director & Victim/Survivor Advocate: (845) 437-7863
- Center for Victim Safety and Support
  - Rape Crisis/Crime Victims: (845) 452-7272
  - Domestic Violence: (845) 485-5550

REPORT ON/OFF CAMPUS

- Town of Poughkeepsie Police: 911 or (845) 485-3666
- NYS Police CSAVU: (845) 485-7269
- Vassar Safety & Security: (845) 437-7333
- Vassar Title IX Coordinator: (845) 437-7924

FREE CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CARE

- SAFE Exam at Vassar Brothers Medical Center: (845) 454-8500
- SAFE Exam at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital: (845) 483-5000
- Vassar Health Services: (845) 437-5800

FREE CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING

- Vassar Counseling Services: (845) 437-5700
- Center for Victim Safety and Support: (845) 452-7272
- Poughkeepsie Grace Smith House: (845) 452-7155

VASSAR ACCOMMODATIONS (INCLUDING NO CONTACT ORDERS)

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