



MAVEN

Merrimack Anti-Violence Education Network

A Guide For Supporting Students

MAVEN is Merrimack College's resource for information, policies, and reporting options related to personal violence, including sexual misconduct, relationship violence, and stalking.

If a student has been hurt, threatened, or knows someone affected by sexual violence, MAVEN helps determine how to best support them and connect them with help.

How to Support a Student Who Discloses:

- **Assess urgency.** If an incident has just occurred or if there is a threat of violence, contact Merrimack College Police Department immediately.
- **Be clear about confidentiality.** Remind student that college employees are mandated reporters, but assure them their privacy will be respected as much as possible.
- **LISTEN.** Listening is one of the most powerful ways to support a survivor. Do not judge or offer your own opinions.
- **Empower the student.** Let them decide next steps and share all the available resources in place to support them.
- **Connect.** If someone wants support, help them take the first step. Walk them to the appropriate office or assist them in making the call.

Remind Students They Are Not Alone During This Process.

RESOURCES

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Merrimack College
Police Department
978-837-5555 (x5911)

Hamel Health Center
978-837-5441 (x5441)

The Counseling Center
978-837-5444

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