

## **New York State Student Bill of Rights related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking**

*Cornell University will not tolerate sexual abuse, rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual coercion, or other forms of sexual violence by or against students, staff, faculty, alumni or visitors. New York state law further extends this “Students’ Bill of Rights” to all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.*

### **Your have the right to:**

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure by Cornell;
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from Cornell courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
6. Be free from any suggestion that a complainant is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few Cornell representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by Cornell, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of Cornell;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an adviser of choice who may assist and advise a complainant, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process; and
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of Cornell University