THE NEW SCHOOL

Statement on the Prevention of Violent, Abusive, and Intimidating Behavior

The New School is committed to providing an educational environment that is conducive to the health and well-being of students and employees. In keeping with this commitment, abusive or intimidating behavior by and towards members of the university community will not be tolerated. Violent, abusive, and intimidating behavior may involve women being harassed by men, men being harassed by women, or harassment between persons of the same sex, and can take place across all gender identities. Members of the community are encouraged to report any incidents of such behavior. Reports will be investigated expeditiously and appropriate action taken pursuant to applicable university policies and procedures. In addition, support services are available as well as educational resources.

Dating and Domestic Violence

Dating violence is violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social, romantic, or intimate relationship with the victim. Domestic violence is violence committed by a current or former spouse, an intimate partner, a person who shares a child with the victim, or a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim.

Dating and domestic violence includes but is not limited to:

- Threats
- Physical abuse
- Psychological abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Forced isolation from family and friends
- Withholding of finances
- Preventing access to resources

NY State Domestic Violence Law:

Domestic violence is a crime in New York State. Anyone who commits domestic violence is subject to criminal prosecution.

> For a complete description of Domestic Violence offenses in New York State, please see NYS Domestic Violence Laws.

While there is no specific statute for "dating violence," anyone who commits dating violence may be subject to criminal prosecution under various penal codes.

Facts:

According to DoSomething.org:

- 85 percent of domestic violence victims are women
- 1.3 million women annually are physically assaulted by an intimate partner
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women

According to the National Coalition for Domestic Violence:

- 16% of adult men who reported being raped or physically assaulted were assaulted by a spouse or partner, or while on a date
- 40% of gay and bisexual men reported abuse at the hands of an intimate partner

Bullying

Bullying is behavior that intimidates, harasses, frightens, abuses, insults, threatens, or otherwise harms an individual psychologically or physically. Bullying can be verbal, non-verbal, written, or physical. Cyber-bullying occurs via e-mails, texts, and on-line posts, as well as through the use of social media. Bullying can be a one-time incident or a series of incidents.

Bullying includes but is not limited to:

- Verbal abuse such as name calling, taunts, and threats
- Written abuse via texts, emails, and on-line posts
- Unwanted sharing of embarrassing pictures or videos
- Maintaining an on-line presence while pretending to be the victim
- Invasion of privacy such as reading private emails or text messages
- Unsolicited surveillance
- Physical abuse such as pushing, shoving, and blocking a person's way

NY State Bullying Laws:

Bullying is a crime in New York State. Anyone who commits bullying is subject to criminal prosecution.

> For a complete description of bullying offenses in New York State, please see NYS Anti-Bullying Laws.

Facts:

According to study conducted at Indiana State University:

- 22% of college students reported being cyberbullied
- 15% of college students reported being bullied in person
- 38% of college students know someone who has been cyberbullied

Stalking

Stalking is a course of unwanted conduct which causes the targeted person to fear for their personal safety and sometimes for the safety of those close to them. Stalking has a negative impact on the victim's sense of security and emotional health.

Stalking behavior includes but is not necessarily limited to:

- Persistent, unwanted contact such as unwanted texts, e-mails, or phone calls
- Showing up unwanted at a person's home, school, or job
- Sending unwanted gifts, cards, or letters
- Unwanted posting or presence on social networking sites
- Unwanted contact with victim's friends, family, classmates, or co-workers

NY State Law:

Stalking is a crime in all states including New York. Anyone who commits stalking behavior is subject to criminal prosecution.

> For a complete description of stalking offenses in New York State, please see NYS Penal Law Article 120.

Facts:

According to The National Center for Victims of Crime, stalking effects 6.6 million people annually, with 18 to 24 year-olds representing the highest group of victims.

Reporting Violent, Abusive, or Intimidating Behavior

Students can file reports of violent, abusive, or intimidating behavior to any of the following university offices:

Student Support and Crisis Management
79 Fifth Avenue, 5th floor
212.229.5900 x3189 or x3710
studentsupport@newschool.edu

Campus Security
55 West 13th Street, mezzanine level
212.229.7001 (24 hours)
Student Rights and Responsibilities
79 Fifth Avenue, 5th floor
212.229.5349
SRR@newschool.edu

Once a report is filed, the university official receiving the report will provide the following information:

- Clear explanation of the university's investigative procedures;
- Information on or assistance with contacting the police; and
- A list of support services on and off campus

Reported incidents of violent, abusive, or intimidating behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct and are investigated and adjudicated under the Non-Academic Disciplinary Procedures. Reported incidents of sexual assault are investigated and adjudicated under the Sexual Assault Policy.

Support Services

The New School is committed to supporting victims of violent, abusive, or intimidating behavior by providing the following support services:

Student Health Services
80 Fifth Avenue, 3rd floor
New York, NY 10011
212.229.1671
SHS@newschool.edu

Student Support and Crisis Management
79 Fifth Avenue, 5th floor
212.229.5900 x3189 or x3710
Studentsupport@newschool.edu

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55 West 13th Street, mezzanine level
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Local Support Services

In addition to on-campus support services, the following local support services are available:

NYC Domestic Violence Hotline
dial 311
24 hours per day/7 days per week

NYS Domestic Violence Hotline
1.800.942.6906
24 hours per day/7 days per week

NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project
212.714.1141
24 hours per day/7 days per week

Safe Horizons
866.689.HELP (4357) Crime Victim's Hotline
800.621.HOPE (4673) Domestic Violence Hotline
212.227.3000 Sexual Assault Hotline
www.safehorizon.org

St. Luke's Roosevelt Crime Victims Treatment Center
www.cvtc-slr.org

Midtown Office
432 West 58th Street, ground floor
New York, NY 10019
212.523.8200

Uptown Office
411 West 114 Street, suite 2C
New York, NY 10025
212.523.4728