During your time at Johns Hopkins University you will work very hard to achieve your professional goals. **You will receive support along the way, especially from personal relationships.**

It is expected that you will treat people with dignity and respect and resolve conflicts peacefully. This expectation applies to your personal relationships, too. Understanding domestic violence as defined by American culture and Maryland law can help prevent misunderstandings about expectations in personal relationships while in Maryland and the U.S.

If you see physically violent behavior and/or think that the threat of violence is imminent, call Campus Security at the appropriate phone number listed below, or call 911.

- **Baltimore Harbor East** 410-234-9200
- **Bayview Medical Center** 410-550-0333
- **Columbia Center** 410-516-9700
- **East Baltimore** 410-955-5585
  - **School of Medicine**
  - **School of Nursing**
  - **School of Public Health**
- **East Baltimore Medical Center** (Johns Hopkins Community Physicians) 410-522-9800
- **Elkridge Campus** (Engineering for Professionals) 410-516-2277
- **Eastern Campus** 443-997-7777
- **Homewood** 410-516-7777
- **Montgomery County Campus** 301-294-7000
- **Washington Center** 202-452-1283
  - **Carey Business School**
  - **Krieger School of Arts & Sciences (AAP)**
  - **SAIS**

Johns Hopkins Student Assistance Program 443-287-7000

[jhsap.org](http://jhsap.org)
What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence, sometimes called intimate partner violence, includes behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Partners may be married or not married; heterosexual, gay, or lesbian; living together, separated, or dating. Maryland law defines abuse as one or more of the following acts:

• Assault
• An act that places a person in fear of immediate serious bodily harm
• An act that causes serious bodily harm
• Rape or sexual offense
• Attempted rape or sexual offense
• Stalking
• False imprisonment, such as physically keeping a person from leaving or kidnapping a person. See MD Code Ann., Fam. Law §4-501(b)(1).

Although emotional, psychological, and financial abuse are not criminal behaviors, they are forms of abuse and can lead to criminal violence.

What does domestic violence look like?

• Pushing, hitting, slapping, choking, kicking, or biting
• Threatening a partner, children, other family members, or pets
• Threatening suicide to convince a partner to do something
• Using or threatening to use a weapon
• Keeping or taking a partner’s paycheck
• Consistently putting a partner down or making him or her feel bad
• Forcing a partner to have sex or to do sexual acts she or he does not want or like
• Keeping a partner from contacting friends and family or from going to work
• Forcing or preventing a partner from going to work
• Controlling financial resources
• Nonverbal threats of death

What happens if I am reported for committing domestic violence?

Johns Hopkins University’s Policy Addressing Campus Violence states that the University “is committed to providing a learning and working environment that is safe to all members of the University community. The University will not tolerate violent acts on its campuses, at off-campus locations administered by the University, or in its programs.”

The University’s Sexual Violence Policy states that “The University reserves the right to independently discipline any member of the student body, staff or faculty who has committed an offense of sexual violence or other assault whether or not the victim is a member of the University community and whether or not criminal charges are pending.”

Pending the outcome of any assessment under the above policies or other applicable policies, the individual may be suspended from participation in University programs, classes, and activities and prevented from coming to campus.

Violations of University policies can have additional consequences for international students. Any university disciplinary proceeding that results in temporary suspension or dismissal can cause F-1 and J-1 visa holders to go out of their lawful visa status. Arrests and convictions can result in deportation and/or the inability to obtain a visa to return to the U.S.

How do I report domestic violence?

Reporting an incident of domestic violence can feel very scary. You may also feel ashamed and want to protect your privacy. Abuse is not an accident, however. It does not happen because your partner is stressed, drinking, or using drugs. Abuse is an intentional act that one person uses in a relationship to control the other. Domestic violence is a crime, not part of a culture.

Individual members of the University community who receive threats of bodily harm or who are the targets of harassing or stalking behaviors are urged to contact Campus Security and to take advantage of the services offered by the Johns Hopkins Student Assistance Program (JHSAP), University Health Services (UHS), and University Mental Health (UMH).

Reported acts of violence will be responded to and handled in a manner that respects the privacy of all involved. If you have questions regarding safety, contact Security. If at any time you are concerned for your safety and require an immediate response, contact Security or dial 911.

Which campus and community resources can help?

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, consider looking for Baltimore area resources available to help. Services include domestic violence shelters, legal aid, and counseling and support groups.

You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to take advantage of these services, and you have the right to keep your immigration status private.

For more information, contact the Johns Hopkins Student Assistance Program (JHSAP) at 443-287-7000. You may also contact the offices of International Scholars and Student Services or Student Affairs in your school.

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