



# NORTHEAST STATE

**Victim Notification of  
Rights and Resources**



*A Safe Campus  
Saves You!*

# Pledge to **SAVE**:

## **Be Safe**

Always be aware of YOUR personal safety!

## **Be Alert**

Watch out for your co-workers, students, acquaintances, friends, and family members. Bystanders can make a difference. Intervene safely when someone is at risk for harm.

## **Be Vocal**

Seek help when YOU and OTHERS are at risk. Call 9-1-1 for immediate intervention!

## **Be Engaged**

Report suspicious behavior on campus. Call 423.677.7927 or go online at [www.NortheastState.edu/ReportingBehaviors](http://www.NortheastState.edu/ReportingBehaviors) and click the Report shield.

For more information on bystander intervention or to schedule a training session, please contact Counseling Services at 423.354.2587 or email [Counseling@NortheastState.edu](mailto:Counseling@NortheastState.edu).

**Safe Areas** are located at all Northeast State campuses.

Visit [www.NortheastState.edu/SafeAreas](http://www.NortheastState.edu/SafeAreas) for the location of Safe Areas by campus (look for the Safe Area shield) or scan the quick response (QR) code.



**24-Hour Helplines provide safe, confidential contacts and information about emergency shelters and local resources.**

National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline: **1.800.799.SAFE (7233)**

National Sexual Assault 24-Hour Hotline: **1.800.656.HOPE (4673)**

National Suicide Prevention 24-Hour Lifeline: **1.800.273.TALK (8255)**

The Trevor Project 24-Hour Lifeline: **1.866.488.7386**

**Call 9-1-1.** Your local police can transport you to a hospital or safe house.

# Northeast State

## Victim Notification of Rights and Resources

If you are the victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking you have the following rights;

- 1) You may file a criminal complaint with the District Attorney General (D.A.) where the abuse occurred.
- 2) You may request a protection order. A protection order may include the following:
  - a) An order preventing the abuser from committing further domestic abuse against you.
  - b) An order requiring the abuser to leave your household.
  - c) An order preventing the abuser from harassing you or contacting you for any reason.
  - d) An order giving you or the other parent custody of or visitation with your minor child or children.
  - e) An order requiring the abuser to pay money to support you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.
  - f) An order preventing the abuser from stalking you.

The following area crisis line phone numbers are provided for your information:

423.926.0144 for Washington, Unicoi, Greene, and Carter counties.  
 423.246.2273 for Johnson, Hawkins, Sullivan, and Hancock counties.

The following domestic abuse shelter/programs are available to you;

<b>SHELTERS</b>	
	Salvation Army (Johnson City): 423.926.2101
Abuse Alternatives (Bristol) Phone: 423.764.2287 1.800.987.6499	Change is Possible (Erwin) Phone: 423.743.0022 After Hours Phone: 423.388.8281
Shepherd's Inn (Carter County & Elizabethton) Phone: 423.542.0180	Safe House (Sullivan County & Kingsport) Phone: 423.246.2273
Safe Passage (Washington County & Johnson City) Phone: 423.926.7233	Safe Haven (Johnson County & Mountain City) Phone: 423.727.1914

Pursuant to TCA § 36-3-619, the officer shall offer to transport the victim to a place of safety such as a shelter or similar location or the residence of a friend or relative, unless it is impractical for the officer to transport the victim, in which case the officer shall offer to arrange for transportation as feasible. The officer shall offer to transport the victim to the location where arrest warrants are issued in that city or county and assist the victim in obtaining an arrest warrant against the alleged abuser and advise the victim of a shelter or other service in the community.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Services for students and employees with regards to counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and visa and immigration services are available both on campus and off campus. The following is a list of some services/resources available for the area Northeast State Community College serves:

<b>COUNSELING / MENTAL HEALTH</b>	
<b>On Campus</b>	<b>Off Campus</b>
Counseling Services (Students Only) Room C2101 Phone: 423.354.2587 or ext. 3287, on-campus extension	Behavioral Health and Wellness Clinic (Johnson City) Phone: 423.439.7777
	Covenant Counseling Center (Kingsport) Phone: 423.247.4536
	Bristol Regional Counseling Center (Bristol) Phone: 423.989.4502
	Charlotte Taylor Counseling Center (Elizabethton) Phone: 423.547.5950
	Partners for Health - Employee Assistance Program Phone: 855.437.3486 <a href="http://www.Here4TN.com">www.Here4TN.com</a>

## HEALTH SERVICES

Johnson County Community Hospital (Mountain City) Phone: 423.727.1110	Johnson City Medical Center (Johnson City) Phone: 423.431.6111
	Holston Valley Medical Center (Kingsport) Phone: 423.224.4000
Unicoi County Memorial Hospital/Johnson County (Erwin) Phone: 423.743.3141	Bristol Regional Medical Center (Bristol) Phone: 423.844.1121
	Sycamore Shoals Hospital (Elizabethton) Phone: 423.542.1300

## VICTIM ADVOCACY

On Campus	Off Campus
Northeast State Police Department Phone: 423.323.0255 or ext. 3255, on-campus extension	Bristol Crisis Center Phone: 800.273.8255 or 276.466.2218
Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance Phone: 423.354.5296 or ext. 5296, on-campus extension	National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline Phone: 800.799.8233
Counseling Services Phone: 423.354.2587 or ext. 3287, on-campus extension	National Sexual Assault 24-Hour Hotline Phone: 800.656.4673
	Family Justice Center (Johnson City) 423-772-3720
	Branch House - Family Justice Center (Blountville) 423-574-7233

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Aid of East Tennessee  
Phone: 423.928.8311

## VISA AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

On Campus	Off Campus
Admissions and Records Phone: 423.354.2436 or ext. 3436, on-campus extension	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Phone: 802.527.4888

## WHAT IS AN ORDER OF PROTECTION?

A court order signed by the judge that is meant to protect persons from abuse or threats of abuse dealing with Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence or Stalking. This Order allows law enforcement the right to arrest your abuser without a warrant, if necessary. At the final hearing, the Order may also:

- Order the abuser to leave the home or to provide you with another home
- Award temporary custody of the children
- Award temporary spousal support for you or child support
- Award specific, temporary visitation time for the abuser
- Award pets to the victim
- Order the abuser to attend counseling for domestic violence

## WHO CAN GET AN ORDER OF PROTECTION?

- Current or former spouses
- Anyone that has lived together, currently or in the past
- Adults or minors who are dating or have dated or had a sexual relationship
- Anyone related by blood or adoption
- Anyone related or formerly related by marriage
- Adults or minor children of a person in a relationship that is described above
- Sexual assault victims, no relationship necessary, if raped or placed in fear of sexual assault due to threats
- Stalking victims, no relationship necessary

## HOW DO I GET AN ORDER OR PROTECTION?

You must file for the order of protection at the court Clerk's office in the county where the abuse happened or the county where your abuser lives. You must fill out forms you get from the Clerk and include:

- Date of the abuse, sexual assault/rape, or stalking
- Where the abuse happened
- Give specific details of why you are in fear and how you were hurt

Some examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Pushed or shoved me (into a wall, to the floor, etc.)
- Hit with (fist, weapon, furniture, etc.)
- Choked (hands, rope, cord, etc.)
- Prevented from leaving (blocked the door, took keys, etc.)
- Threatened (gun, knife, hammer, fleeing with the children, etc.)
- If you called the police and if the abuser was arrested
- If you received medical treatment from an injury caused by the abuser

Return the completed form(s) to the Clerk and sign your name in front of the Clerk verifying the information given is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. The Clerk **cannot charge you** a fee to file for the Order of Protection.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- The Clerk will have the Judge review your paperwork and who may sign an Ex Parte Order that acts as a temporary order until your court date when the Judge will have a hearing about whether to give you a Final Order. Until then, the Ex Parte Order is to keep your abuser away from you.
- The Ex Parte Order may have your court date listed on it. Check the Ex Parte Order and if a court date is not noted on the Ex Parte Order notify the Clerk immediately.
- Get a copy of the Ex Parte Order and your petition and keep them with you at all times.
- If you are not given an Ex Parte Order, you still have the right to a hearing to get the Order of Protection.
- You must attend your hearing at the listed date and time.

It is important to know that your Ex Parte Order is not a custody order. This decision may be addressed at the final hearing.

If the abuse occurred off any Northeast State Community College campus, notify the local law enforcement agency, if you haven't already done so, immediately. For your convenience the following law enforcement agencies are listed below.

Sullivan County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 589 140 Blountville Bypass Blountville, TN 37617 Phone: 423.279.7500 Web: <a href="http://www.scsotn.com/">http://www.scsotn.com/</a>	Kingsport Police Department 200 Shelby Street Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone: 423.229.9300 Web: <a href="http://police.kingsporttn.gov/">http://police.kingsporttn.gov/</a>
Bristol Tennessee Police Department 801 Anderson Street Bristol, TN 37620 Phone: 423.989.5500 Web: <a href="http://www.bristoltn.org/police.cfm">http://www.bristoltn.org/police.cfm</a>	Johnson City Police Department P.O. Box 2150 601 East Main Street Johnson City, TN 37601 Phone: 423.434.6160 Web: <a href="http://www.johnsoncitytn.org/Police">http://www.johnsoncitytn.org/Police</a>
Unicoi County Sheriff's Office 102 North Main Avenue Erwin, TN 37650 Phone: 423.743.1864	Mountain City Police Department 210 South Church Street Mountain City, TN 37683 Phone: 423.727.2909
Carter County Sheriff's Department 900 East Elk Avenue Elizabethton, TN 37643 Phone: 423.542.1845	Washington County Sheriff's Office P.O Box 1217 Johnson City, TN 37605-1217 Phone: 423.788.1414
Johnson County Sheriff's Office 216 Honeysuckle St. Mountain City, TN 37683 Phone: 423.727.7761	

If you have obtained an Ex Parte Order or an Order of Protection make sure you give the Northeast State Police Department a copy immediately. If you need any special arrangements for parking or escorts or have any questions please stop by the Police Department and an officer will be happy to assist you. You can also reach an officer by calling 423.323.0255 or extension 3255 on-campus. An officer can also be reached by emergency cell phone at 423.677.7927.

## Campus Responders

### Northeast State Police Department

423.323.0255 (non-emergency) or 423.677.7927 (emergency cell) or 9-1-1

Report crimes, behaviors of concern, and emergencies requiring immediate intervention and support from the College or request an escort by Campus Police.

[www.NortheastState.edu/Police](http://www.NortheastState.edu/Police)

### Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance

423.354.5296 or [EquityOfficer@NortheastState.edu](mailto:EquityOfficer@NortheastState.edu)

Report incidents of sexual assault and sexual misconduct or Title IX, civil rights, harassment, and discrimination violations involving students or employees.

[www.NortheastState.edu/EquityAndCompliance](http://www.NortheastState.edu/EquityAndCompliance)

### Office of the Vice President for Institutional Excellence and Student Success

423.354.2549 or [SafeNortheast@NortheastState.edu](mailto:SafeNortheast@NortheastState.edu) or [StuComments@NortheastState.edu](mailto:StuComments@NortheastState.edu)

Contact for information or to report student concerns and identify campus and community resources.

[www.NortheastState.edu/SafeNortheast](http://www.NortheastState.edu/SafeNortheast)

# Referrals

**Abuse Alternatives**  
**423.764.2287 or 1.800.987.6499**

**Bristol Crisis Center**  
**276.466.2218 or 1.800.273.8255**

**Crisis Text Line**  
 Text "TN" to **741741**

**Counseling Services**  
**423.354.2587** or  
 Counseling@NortheastState.edu  
[www.NortheastState.edu/Counseling](http://www.NortheastState.edu/Counseling)

**Family Justice Center (Johnson City)**  
**423-772-3720**  
**Branch House - Family Justice Center (Blountville)**  
**423-574-7233**

**Tennessee 2-1-1**  
[tn211.mycommunitypt.com](http://tn211.mycommunitypt.com)

# Local Emergency Services

**Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol**  
**423.844.1121**

**Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport**  
**423.224.4000**

**Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City**  
**423.431.6111**

**Johnson County Community Hospital, Mountain City**  
**423.727.1110**

**Sycamore Shoals Hospital, Elizabethton**  
**423.542.1300**

**Unicoi County Memorial Hospital, Erwin**  
**423.743.3141**

<b>Tennessee SAVIN</b> <b>(Statewide Automated Victim Information &amp; Notification)</b> Toll-Free: 1.888.868.4631    TTY/TDD Users: 1.866.847.1298 <a href="http://www.vinelink.com">www.vinelink.com</a>		
TN District Attorneys General Conference Statewide Victim Witness Coordinator	615.532.5591	<a href="http://www.tndagc.org">www.tndagc.org</a>
TN Criminal Injuries Compensation Program	615.741.2734	<a href="http://www.treasury.tn.gov">www.treasury.tn.gov</a>
TN211	211 and give zip code or city	<a href="http://tn211.mycommunitypt.com">tn211.mycommunitypt.com</a>
TN Department of Correction Victim Services	615.253.8145	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/correction">www.tn.gov/correction</a>
TN Board of Probation and Parole State Offender Information	615.741.1150 615.532.8112	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/bop">www.tn.gov/bop</a>
TN Domestic Violence HOTLINE	1.800.356.6767	
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1.800.799.SAFE 1.800.799.7233 1.800.787.3224 (TTY/TDD)	<a href="http://www.ndvh.org">www.ndvh.org</a>
TN Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence	615.386.9406 1.800.289.9018	<a href="http://www.tncoalition.org">www.tncoalition.org</a>



# NORTHEAST STATE

*We're here to get you there*

Northeast State Community College does not discriminate against students, employees or applicants for admission or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, ethnic national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, age, status as a covered veteran, genetic information or any other legally protected class with respect to all employment, programs and activities. For inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

P. O. Box 246, Blountville, TN 37617-0246, 423.354.5206, [affact@NortheastState.edu](mailto:affact@NortheastState.edu)

Northeast State Community College's policy on nondiscrimination can be found at <http://www.northeaststate.edu/AAEEO/>

Northeast State is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Northeast State.

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