

## **Information for Crime Victims**

The focus of the Elmhurst College sexual assault response policy is the well-being of the victim/survivor. Survivors are strongly encouraged to report sexual assault by following one or more of these procedures. Any survivor has the option to report the crime to the Elmhurst Police Department (9-911) or to the Office of Campus Security at (630) 617-3000. The survivor will be assisted by a member of the Campus Security staff in working through the criminal reporting process.

Instances of sexual assault may be brought to the College's disciplinary system. The survivor may file charges with the Dean of Students (630-617-3050), and after an appropriate investigation, a hearing in front of the Judicial Hearing Committee may be conducted. During the hearing, both the accuser and accused are entitled to have other persons present. They are also to be informed of the outcome of the proceeding.

The burden of proof in a campus disciplinary hearing is a "preponderance of evidence," meaning that the accused is more likely than not to have committed the offense. This standard of proof, widely used by campuses across the country, is less stringent than the standard of "proof beyond a reasonable doubt" used in criminal proceedings.

Sanctions in such proceedings could include counseling, admonition, warning, censure, disciplinary probation, restitution, fine, removal from a residence hall, suspension or expulsion. In addition, if a student is found guilty in an off-campus court of law, the College may impose its own sanctions.