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September 2015 Addendum to the Superintendent's Statement of Students' Rights and Responsibilities

On March 8, 2015, International Women's Day, Ontario issued an Action Plan against Sexual Violence and Harassment calling, among other things, for increased safety on Ontario's postsecondary campuses.

Every private career college student who experiences sexual violence or harassment has the right to be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. In addition, every student has the right to choose among any available options for addressing incidents of sexual violence or harassment, whether these options are provided on campus or off. Except in extreme situations, where there is an imminent threat to the campus or broader community, the choice of options (including the choice not to exercise any option) always remains with you, the student.

If you experience sexual violence or harassment at your private career college, you may:

- Request information about any counselling, health services, or other supports that are available at your private career college from your campus administrator;
- Engage the services of an off-campus organization, such as a crisis and counselling centre, in your community;
- Contact the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario; and/or
- Report the incident to the police.

For information about resources in your community, visit <u>draw-the-line.ca</u> and <u>traçons-les-limites.ca</u>. These websites list services available throughout Ontario.

Should you witness an incident of sexual violence or harassment at your private career college, you may bring your concerns directly to the attention of the campus administrator or another staff member at the private career college.

As a student at a private career college, you also have a role to play in creating safe campuses for everyone. Private career colleges will welcome your suggestions and ideas.