

**In August 2014, the top governing body of the NCAA – now known as the Board of Governors and then known as the Executive Committee – issued a resolution that clarifies what it expects from athletics departments on matters involving sexual violence. Besides clearly stating that athletics should not investigate or adjudicate incidents of sexual violence, the resolution also states that departments should:**

- **Cooperate with appropriate investigating authorities.**
- **Comply with federal and state regulations.**
- **Provide education regarding sexual violence.**

**[See the complete resolution on page 35.](#)**

Federal law requires each college and university to provide a safe, nondiscriminatory environment in which students can pursue – without threat – their academic, athletic, recreational and social interests. The NCAA constitution, too, reinforces those requirements for its member schools. Compliance with federal laws, state laws and institutional policies to maintain a safe campus environment is the responsibility of all staff and departments that comprise the campus community.

Athletics must ensure all activities and environments under its oversight protect the safety, health and well-being of current and prospective student-athletes. Athletics has a unique opportunity to leverage the close and influential relationships shared by student-athletes, coaches and athletics staff to promote a healthy and safe culture.

