Sexual Assault,
Dating Violence,
Domestic Violence &
Stalking on Campus

Prevention, Awareness & How the Violence Against Women Act Protects You

Protection and Prevention

- The federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) put new campus obligations in place
- VAWA protects people of all genders!
- Our institution strictly prohibits the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking -- the four main categories covered under VAWA

Definitions

VAWA covers four main categories...

- 1. Sexual Assault. Includes rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape.
- 2. Dating Violence. Committed by a person who is or has been in a romantic/intimate relationship with you.

Definitions (continued)

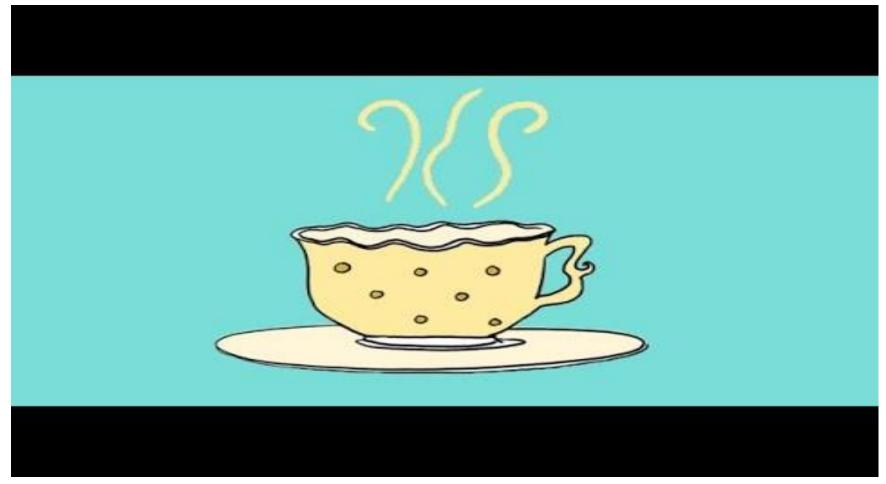
- 3. **Domestic Violence.** Committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner; a person with whom you share a child; or a person against an adult/youth victim who is protected from that person's acts.
- 4. **Stalking**. This happens when someone engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes that person to fear for his/her safety or the safety of others. Stalking also causes substantial emotional distress.

Consent

- Crimes of sexual and relationship violence take place without someone's consent.
- Consent is the affirmative, unambiguous and voluntary agreement to engage in a specific sexual activity during a sexual encounter.

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What to Expect from Us

We're here to fully support you...

- Support. Expect a prompt, fair and impartial investigation, including help receiving counseling and medical assistance. We'll also offer protective measures to help you feel safer.
- Reporting. Trained CSAs are here to listen and take reports, plus guide you to resources & help file criminal complaint -- if YOU choose to do so.

What to Expect from Us (continued)

- Campus Disciplinary Proceedings. A fair, impartial campus process will be held within a reasonable timeframe. Both parties can have an advisor of their choice present.
- Support for Respondents. Those accused of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking can find counseling and other supports. Ask if unsure where to go.

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Risk Reduction

There are many preventive measures to protect yourself from the risk of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, including...

- Trust your instincts
- Say "No" clearly and firmly
- Be "situationally aware"
- Look out for your friends and ask that they look out for you, too
- Respect a friend who challenges you if you're about to make a poor decision
- And more

Reducing Risk of Being Aggressor

To reduce the risk of perpetrating a crime of sexual or relationship violence...

- Listen to your partner
- Clearly communicate your intentions
- Only proceed with sexual activity if there is clear consent
- Respect your partner and his/her personal boundaries
- Watch alcohol/other drug intake
- Don't take advantage of someone drunk or drugged
- And more

Bystander Intervention

Bystanders can intervene safely and simply, often flipping the switch to change the outcome if an incident of sexual or relationship violence is about to occur, by...

- Providing a distraction
- Getting help
- Reminding potential perpetrators that incapacitated people can't give consent
- Helping to remove someone from a dangerous situation
- And more

Providing a Distraction

To interrupt a potentially dangerous interaction, you can do things like...

- Call your friend's cell repeatedly
- Interrupt the conversation
- Spill something on purpose
- Tell a potential perpetrator, "Your car is being towed!"
- Turn off the music
- Ask where the bathroom is
- Matter-of-factly pull your friend away, saying "We need to leave" -- and then go

Being a Proactive Bystander

There are multiple ways to help prevent sexual and relationship violence before it gets to the dangerous level...

- Treat people with respect
- Speak up when you hear victim-blaming statements
- Encourage friends to trust their instincts to stay safe
- Talk with friends about confronting sexual and relationship violence
- Look out for your friends at parties and bars
- Don't laugh at sexist jokes or comments
- Be a knowledgeable, supportive resource for survivors