Sexual Assault

This information is to assist survivors of sexual assault, and rape; and for anyone who may be called upon to support and advise a survivor of sexual assault or rape.

What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault describes all forms of sexual violence against male and female victims, including intercourse (rape), oral and anal penetration, penetration with an object, and touching and fondling sexual body parts by force or threat of force and without consent.

Acquaintance rape is forced sexual intercourse against the will of the victim. Acquaintance rape is a crime committed by a person known to the victim. Survivors of acquaintance rape often do not realize that they have been a victim of a crime.

If a person is intoxicated or unconscious, he or she cannot give legal consent to engage in sexual act. The act is a sexual assault.

Myths about Sexual Assault

It could not happen to me.

Anyone is a potential victim, regardless of age, race, educational background, or income level.

The primary motive for rape is sex

Power, anger, and control are the motives for rape, not sex.

Rape only occurs among strangers

Only 30 percent of rape cases involve strangers. The rest, 70 percent, are committed by someone the victim knows such as, a spouse, father, boyfriend, relative, friend or neighbor.

What to do if this happens to you

1. Go to a safe place and call 911 or Campus Safety (714 484-7387) as soon as it is safe to do so.
2. If you leave campus, do not take a bath or shower, or change your clothes. Clothing may contain evidence.
3. Seek medical attention immediately.
4. If you decide not to go to the police immediately, write down all the details of the assault and suspect description.
5. Seek counseling, and find a support system, such as family and friends.

Family and Friends

- Remain calm and nurturing, and listen to the survivor.
- Do not pass judgment; blame the survivor, or reveal any information to other people.
- Be supportive of decisions made by the survivor.
- Encourage the survivor to get counseling, legal assistance, and report the incident to local law enforcement.