

Sexual Assault Protocol and Prevention

New York State statutes define sexual assault in various degrees. Sexual assault, of any kind, is a crime.

Sexual assault is any actual or attempted nonconsensual sexual activity including but not limited to, forcible anal or oral sex, attempted intercourse, sexual touching, exhibitionism by a person(s) known or unknown to the victim.

Rape is the act of sexual intercourse with a person against one's will and consent, whether their will is overcome by force or fear resulting from the threat of force, or by drugs administered without consent, or when they are unconscious, intoxicated or otherwise physically unable to communicate. **Be aware that having sex with someone who is unable to give consent by being mentally incapacitated or unconscious (passed out) is rape.**

If you are a victim of a rape or sexual assault, it is recommended that you **seek medical attention immediately. Call University Police on campus at 632-3333 or, if the rape occurs off campus, the local police at 911.** University Police can provide you with transportation to the hospital, and a Crisis Service sexual advocate will meet you there. It is also suggested that you **do not:**

- Bathe or douche;
- Change clothing, comb your hair, or brush your teeth;
- Disturb the area in which the crime occurred.

These actions destroy physical evidence that may be necessary to convict the attacker.

Why you should contact University Police or other police agencies:

To officially report the assault: you may decide days or weeks later to press charges. By reporting the assault immediately and preserving evidence, you will have the foundation for future prosecution.

Reporting the assault **does not** mean you must prosecute, but the report may help authorities identify the offender and prevent the victimization of other people.

Reporting the offense to the University Police or other Police agencies **does not** obligate you to press charges and your name will not be released to the news media.

Remember, sexual assault is a crime committed against you, not by you. Do not blame yourself. Sexual assault is a traumatic experience, and it is recommended that victims seek counseling. Counseling services are available through the Counseling Center at 632-6740.

Prevention:

- ▷ Let others know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- ▷ Walk with confidence and alertness. Assailants are less likely to target a person who appears assertive and difficult to intimidate.
- ▷ Report suspicious persons immediately to University Police.
- ▷ Contact the walk service, 2-6337 on campus.
- ▷ Locate Blue Light phones on campus.

Acquaintance Rape:

Women - alternatives to vulnerability:

- ▷ More than 60% of all reported rapes occur between acquaintances, and 4 in 10 rapes occur in the home. Have first dates in public places and in groups.
- ▷ Communicate your sexual limits clearly. Don't give mixed messages.
- ▷ Remember that leaving a party or other social event with someone you have just met can be dangerous.

Men - alternatives to coercion:

- ▷ Never force, pressure, or coerce anyone to have sex.
- ▷ Don't take silence as consent.
- ▷ Respect the word "NO".
- ▷ Don't have sex with anyone who is drunk. Be aware that having intercourse with someone who is unable to give consent or is physically helpless is rape.

Most acquaintance rapes involve alcohol or drugs. Both men and women should avoid drugs and excessive alcohol in a dating situation. Don't allow your judgment to become impaired.

Seek education on rape prevention. Attend or request workshops and seminars (for both men and women) available through the Community Relations office of the University Police - call 632-7786, or Campus Residences for the Step Beyond Program - call 632-6750.

Sexual assaults, including date/acquaintance rape, are of very serious concern to the University Police. If you feel you are the victim of a sexual assault on campus, your University Police Department will do the following:

1. We will meet with you privately, at a place of your choice to take a complaint report.
2. We will not release your name to the public or to the press.

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3. We will treat you and your particular case with courtesy, sensitivity, dignity, understanding and professionalism.
4. We will do our best to accommodate your wish to speak to either a male or female officer.
5. We will assist you in arranging for any hospital treatment or other medical care.
6. We will assist you in privately contacting counseling, and other available resources.
7. We will fully investigate your case. This may lead to the arrest and full prosecution of a suspect. You will be kept up-to-date on the progress of the investigation and/or prosecution.
8. We will continue to be available, to answer your questions, to explain the systems and processes involved (prosecutor, courts, etc.).
9. We will consider your case seriously regardless of your gender.

If you believe you are a sexual assault victim, call your University Police Department at 632-3333. You may call any time of day or night. The University Police want to help make the University at Stony Brook's campus safe for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. All calls will be kept strictly confidential.

Remember...
This Community Belongs to All of Us!

Courtesies of your University Police Department, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Dr. Shirley Struett Kerans, President Richard M. Voong, Director.

If you need a disability-related accommodation, please contact Michael Greshin at (516) 632-6867. This publication can be made available in alternative format upon request. The University at Stony Brook is an affirmative action/equal opportunity educator and employer.

Important Campus Telephone Numbers

On Campus Emergencies Dial: 333

UNIVERSITY POLICE..... 632-3333
COMMUNITY RELATIONS...632-7786
CRIMESTOPPERS.....2-TIPS on campus
1-800-220 TIPS off campus

Volunteer Escort

WALK SERVICE632-6337

Medical Emergencies Dial: 333

EMERGENCY ROOM..... 444-2465
INFIRMARY.....632-6740

Campus Events and Student Service Information

STUDENT UNION
INFORMATION.....632-6830
COUNSELING CENTER ...632-6720
RESIDENTIAL SECURITY PROGRAM...632-9533
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (EAP).....632-6085



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