Sexual Assault

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Resources at Gateway
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Cornell Scott Hill Health Center
(203) 503-3740
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Counseling and Student Success Center
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Resources Outside of Gateway
Connecticut Toll Free Crisis Hotline
24 Hr English Hotline: (888) 999-5545
24 Hr Spanish Hotline: (888) 568-8332
Women & Families Center
Sexual Assault Crisis Services
(203) 389-5010
Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence
(860) 282-9881
www.endsexualviolencect.org
New Haven Vet Center
Sexual Trauma Program
(203) 932-9899
RAINN www.rainn.org

What You Can Do
• You have the option to have an evidence collection kit at NO cost, up to 120 hrs after the assault.
• You can receive help to protect yourself from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
• You can file for Victim Compensation with the Office of Victims Services.
• Speak with the Gender Equity Coordinator and have your conversations remain confidential.
• Find out about your legal options such as a civil protection order.
  • A civil protection order can protect you against:
    • Your sexual assault abuser
    • Someone who is stalking you
• To obtain a civil protection order go to the Court Service Center at your local court house.
• Report the assault to the police or don’t report the assault to the police.
• Not be judged based on your race, age, class, gender or sexual orientation.
• Have an advocate accompany you to medical, law enforcement and legal proceedings.
• You can ask questions and get answers regarding tests, exams, medications, treatments or police reports.
• Have the right to be treated with respect!
What Is Sexual Assault?

- Sexual assault consists of a range of behaviors from sexual intercourse to sexual contact without the presence of consent.

  - Non Consensual Sexual Intercourse:
    - Is any sexual intercourse.
    - No matter how slight the penetration or contact.
    - This includes vaginal, anal and oral penetration.
    - With the use of any body part or object. By a penis, object, tongue, or finger, and oral copulation (mouth to genital contact or genital to mouth contact).
    - Without consent and/or by force.

  - Non Consensual Sexual Contact:
    - Is any intentional sexual touching over and/or under clothes.
    - No matter how slight the contact.
    - This includes intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals.
    - Touching someone with any of these body parts, or making someone touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts, or any intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner.
    - Without consent and/or by force.

Consent

- Consent must be informed, freely and actively given, involving an understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicates a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity.

- It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement.

- The lack of a negative response is not consent.

- Consent may not be given by a minor or by any individual who is incapacitated, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by drugs and/or alcohol.

- Past consent of sexual activities does not imply ongoing future consent.

The Facts

- Sexual assault is NEVER the victim's fault.
- Every 2 minutes, someone is sexual assaulted in the U.S.
- Men can be and are victims of sexual violence.
- Less than 5% of college sexual assault are reported to the authorities.
- 85% of sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance.
- 97% of rapists will never spend a day in jail.
- 33% of sexual assault begin to happen in the presence of a bystander who could take action to intervene.
- 14% of Connecticut residents experienced childhood sexual assault.
- 42% of victims never tell ANYONE.
- A sexual assault can happen at any time.
- 60% of sexual assaults occur in the victim's home or the home of a friend, relative, or neighbor.