

## Sexual Assault Awareness

Sexual violence is a **pervasive threat** to people of all genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, and ages on K-12 and university campuses. From unwanted touching and kissing to rape, sexual assault impacts a **significant number of male and female students** and frequently goes **unreported**.



### What is sexual assault?

According to RAINN, “sexual assault refers to sexual contact or behavior that occurs without explicit consent of the victim.” It is any unwanted sexual activity, from unwanted kissing or touching to rape.

### Who can be a victim of sexual assault?

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault although women are impacted more than men. Alcohol, drugs, and peer pressure may contribute to the increase in sexual assaults seen on campuses.

### How often does it occur?

- “Among undergraduate students, 26.4% of females and 6.8% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.” (RAINN)
- “23.1% of TGQN (transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming) college students have been sexually assaulted.”
- 10% of high school students were sexually assaulted in 2017.
- “95% of sexual assaults go unreported” according to American Civil Liberties Union.

### Who perpetuates a sexual assault?

According to RAINN, eight out of ten perpetrators are someone known to the victim. In fact, 73% of assaults are perpetrated by a non-stranger; 28% by an intimate partner; and 7% by a relative of the victim. More than 50% of rapes and sexual assaults take place within one mile of the victim’s home.

### What are the costs and impacts?

- Self-harm, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, suicidal thoughts, broken relationships, and substance abuse
- Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) or pregnancy
- The estimated “lifetime cost of rape per victim is \$122,461”

**If you are a victim of a sexual assault, know that you are not alone. There are resources in and outside of our community to help you. You are a survivor and we are here for you.**

### How Can I Get Help?

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- LiveSafe Mobile App – Report assault and harassment, anonymously if desired
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- Organizations like SAFER, Students Active For Ending Rape or AAUW, Ending Campus Sexual Assault Tool Kit