

## **Sexual Assault and/or Harassment**

Sexual Assault and Harassment are very serious crimes that should not go unreported. If you do not report it to the Campus Police Department, be sure to report it to someone of authority on campus. If you are a victim of a sexual assault try to remember these rules:

- 1) Contact the Campus Police immediately.
- 2) Do not take a shower or douche.
- 3) Do not wash the clothes or bedding on which the incident may have occurred. Put all articles of clothing that you had on during the assault in a paper bag.
- 4) Try to write down what the assailant looked like and any other information that might be important to the police.
- 5) If the attack occurs off campus contact the local law enforcement agency where the attack occurred.
- 6) Even if you do not report a sexual attack, be sure to seek medical treatment and counseling.

These few rules are very important when trying to convict a suspect.

1. If you are a victim of harassment contact the police and fill out a report. A person cannot be convicted of harassment unless each incident is documented.
2. Both sexual assault and harassment are very serious. If you are a victim of one of these crimes and do not report it, you are not only hurting yourself but also the next person that is attacked.

## **Blind (anonymous) Reporting of Sexual Assaults**

The Campus Police Department offers blind (anonymous) reporting of any sexual assault that occurs on or around campus. It is required by the Clery Act (formerly the Campus Security Act) that any faculty or staff member (clergy and counselors excluded) with knowledge of a sexual assault that occurred on or near campus (whether or not the victim was a student) is required to report it to Campus Police immediately. The assault may be reported by using the blind reporting form. These forms are located in the Student Life and Campus Police Offices.

## **Domestic Violence Orders**

If you have a Domestic Violence Order issued, the Campus Police Department must be notified and have a copy of the order so it may be enforced.

If you have an order issued please contact the Chief of Campus Police as soon as possible.

## **Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights**

If a sexual assault occurs, the victim has the following rights:

- 1) Both accuser and accused have the right to have others present during any questioning.
- 2) Both parties will be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding.
- 3) The survivor has the option of reporting the assault to law enforcement or handling the disciplinary actions through the campus judicial system.
- 4) Counseling is available on campus through Health Services and the

Counseling Center for all persons that need assistance. If you do not feel comfortable with seeking assistance on campus please contact an outside agency for help.

5) In severe situations, if the survivor needs to change his/her academic or living environment, the College will utilize all avenues to accommodate the survivor. This will be coordinated through the Dean of Students.

Counseling is available on campus for all persons who need assistance.

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 5:00pm

704.461.7080

After hours call Pathways

1.800.898.5898 or

704.867.4357

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PATHWAYS - 24 - Hours Crisis Emergency Services

1.800.898.5898 or

704.867.4357