

SEXUAL ASSAULT: A NATIONAL STUDENT ISSUE

National statistics show that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are victims of sexual assault while in college*.

Most victims know their attackers. Many are survivors of “incapacitated assault”- they were sexually abused while drunk, drugged, or passed out. **Sexual assault is never the victim’s fault, no matter what.**

SAFETY IS A PRIORITY AT PITT-UPT

Pitt-Titusville is well known as a safe campus, a reputation we are committed to maintaining. Know that you never need to feel alone at Pitt-Titusville.

Your safety is the highest priority for our well-trained Campus Police Officers, who patrol our campus **24 hours a day**. Our campus also provides:

- ◆ Secure residence halls
 - ◆ Well-lit grounds and walkways
 - ◆ Emergency phones across campus
 - ◆ Lockable classrooms in all academic buildings.
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UNIVERSITY POLICY

Sexual harassment, including sexual assault, violates University policy as well as state, federal and local laws. It is neither permitted nor condoned. The coverage of this policy extends to all faculty, researchers, staff, students, vendors, contractors and visitors to the University.

It is also a violation of the University of Pittsburgh’s policy against sexual harassment for an employee or student to attempt in any way to retaliate against a person who makes claim of sexual harassment.

Any individual who, after thorough investigation and an informal and formal hearing, is found to have violated the University’s policy against sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

CAMPUS POLICE

814.827.4488 or 4488

UPT Counseling Center

(Confidential Counseling)

814.827.4465

Women’s Services

(Confidential - Counselor Advocate
for both men and women)

(Titusville Office)

814-775-0445

888-881-0189 (24-hr. hotline)

Emergency Housing at St. James - YWCA

814.827.2746 ext. 102

UPT Title IX Office

814.827.4474

For more information on sexual assault awareness and prevention, visit the Pitt-Titusville website at:
www.upt.pitt.edu/saap

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention



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IT'S ABOUT CONSENT!

Make sure you and your partner both clearly agree to sexual contact (like kissing, hugging, touching, and other physical contact). **Give and get** a sober and unpressured “yes” from your partner **before** engaging in sexual activity. Only “yes” means “yes”. The absence of “no” **does not** mean “yes”!

- ◆ **Know your own limits and tell your partner:** Don't be afraid to say no.. If you're uncomfortable with what your partner wants to do, don't give in to pressure. If your partner cares for you, he or she will understand and respect your decision.
- ◆ **Avoid mixing alcohol/drugs with sexual-decision making:** **Remember-** it's about giving and getting clear and sober **consent**. Your ability to make smart decisions disappears when you're under the influence. Keep clear-headed when sex is involved, and never accept drinks from a stranger or leave your drink unattended.
- ◆ **Trust your instincts:** If you feel like something's wrong, remove yourself from the situation. Go with your gut feeling. Don't feel that you ever have to do anything you don't want to do.
- ◆ **Be in charge of your life:** Respect yourself. Know how to stay safe whether you're on campus or off. Avoid situations where you may be depending on someone else to take care of you.
- ◆ **Be aware of your surroundings:** Whether on or off campus, try to walk in well-lit areas, preferably with a group of friends.
- ◆ **Practice bystander intervention:** Respect others. Help your friends to be smart and stay safe. **If you see something** happen or think something is happening, **say something!**

WHAT IS AND ISN'T CONSENT?

Consent means actively agreeing to something-saying “Yes”.

- ◆ Going along with an activity out of fear is **not** consent.
- ◆ Being verbally, emotionally, psychologically, or physically pressured or forced into any kind of sexual activity is **not** consent.
- ◆ A person is **incapable of actively giving consent if he or she has been using drugs or drinking alcohol**.
- ◆ A person **has the right** to change his or her mind about

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual Assault can be any form of sexual contact that happens without a person's consent.

Sexual assault can happen to anyone, male or female. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger or by someone you know- a friend, family member, or even a spouse or partner.

No one deserves to be sexually assaulted, even if he or she :

- ◆ Trusted someone.
- ◆ Was drinking or using drugs.
- ◆ Went into someone's home or room.
- ◆ Changed his or her mind about having sex.
- ◆ Did not fight back.

In the Student Handbook, Pitt-Titusville uses “**Sexual Misconduct**” as an umbrella term that includes sexual assault, rape, stalking, and relationship violence.

WHAT TO DO...

If you are the victim of sexual assault, resources are in place to provide immediate support and assistance, as well as to ensure your health and safety, whether you choose to press criminal charges or not.

◆ **CONTACT CAMPUS POLICE**

Call **Campus Police** at 814.827.4488 or 4488 from a campus phone. Even if you choose not to formally report the incident, Campus Police can assist you in getting the help you need.

GET EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION

Receiving expert medical attention as soon as possible will protect your health and can preserve important medical evidence.

Campus Police will provide you with transportation to:

Titusville Area Hospital

Emergency Department: 814.827.1851

or you may go to:

Office of Health Services: 814.827.4467

Located in RM 219 in the Student Union

◆ **SEEK CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS COUNSELING**

Crisis counseling can provide you with immediate emotional support and help connect you to key resources and information. Counseling is completely **confidential**.

WOMEN'S SERVICES

24-Hour Hotline 888.881.0189 or

Titusville Office 814.775.0445

EMERGENCY HOUSING AT ST. JAMES -YWCA

814.827.2746 ext. 102

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Office of Counseling Service: 814.827.4465

Located in Room 218, Student Union

REPORTING OPTIONS

- ◆ To file a criminal complaint, contact
Campus Police at 814.827.4488 or 4488 from a campus phone.
- ◆ If you have experienced or aware of an incident of harassment, relationship violence, stalking, or sexual assault involving a student or employee of the university or if you believe you have been retaliated against for filing a report or for providing information in an investigation, contact the Title IX Liaison who will provide resources and explain options available to you.
Elaine Osborn, UPT's Title IX Liaison,
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