

## Policy/Procedures

Santa Rosa Junior College's Policy and Procedures 7.18 RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE is designed to assure a safe environment for victims of sexual assault to report the crime, and to make sure that victims get appropriate treatment, information and/or referrals to community agencies and medical facilities.

### Assistance for Victims of Sexual Assaults

The District Police Department is committed to ensuring that students, employees, and other persons who have been sexually assaulted are provided treatment, medical, and counseling assistance and information, and that they are treated with sensitivity, dignity, and confidentiality. Every effort is made to ensure that our educational environment promotes and assists prompt reporting of sexual assaults and provides compassionate support services for survivors. Prompt reporting of sexual assaults is encouraged.

### Reporting the Sexual Assault

Sexual assaults should be reported to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location where the crime occurred. Sexual assaults that occur on campus or any District facility should be reported to District Police by calling 527-1000. When the crime occurs off District property, District Police will assist the survivor by facilitating contact with the law enforcement having jurisdiction over the location where the crime occurred. Reports may be made anonymously. Certain District employees must report any sexual assault on a person under the age of 18, over the age of 65, or a dependent adult, should they become aware of such a crime.

## What to do if you have been assaulted

- ◆ Get to a safe place. Your immediate safety is first.
- ◆ Call a friend or family member, someone you trust, for support.
- ◆ Call the Verity 24/7 Hotline for support: speak confidentially with a victim advocate - 707-545-7273 or 707-545-RAPE.
- ◆ Get immediate medical attention. Medical care is important, to protect you from sexually transmitted diseases and to attend to any injuries. A medical exam is also an important part of the evidence collection needed to file a police report. Evidence should be collected within 72 hours. Call Verity if you would like an advocate to meet you at the hospital and stay with you to provide support during the exam.
- ◆ Call the police. Reporting the assault to the police is a matter of choice. If you decide not to go to the police right away, write down everything you can remember about what happened and save it in case you change your mind later.

*If you think you might want to press legal charges...*

DO NOT bathe  
DO NOT brush your teeth  
DO NOT smoke  
DO NOT eat or drink  
**DO NOT change your clothes**

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## Support Resources

### Santa Rosa Junior College

District Police Department	707-527-1000
Student Psychological Services	707-524-1595
Student Health Services	707-527-4445
Office of V.P. of Student Services	707-524-1647
District Compliance Office	707-527-4954
Student Counseling & Support	707-577-4451

Please visit Santa Rosa Junior College's Student Health Services to access more information about sexual assault prevention:  
[www.santarosa.edu/StudentHealthServices](http://www.santarosa.edu/StudentHealthServices)

### Sonoma County Community Resources

Verity	707-545-7273
Sonoma County Victim Assistance	707-565-8250
YWCA (Restraining Order Clinic)	707-565-5661
Child Protective Services	707-565-4304
Child Protct. Services Emergency Line	800-870-7064
Suicide Prevention	800-746-8181
Men Evolving Nonviolently Hotline	707-528-2636
Legal Aid	707-542-1290
Legal Services/Lawyer Referral	707-546-5297

**National Sexual Assault Hotline:**  
**1-800-656-HOPE**  
<http://www.rainn.org/>

# Sexual Assault Prevention

at

**SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE**  
**INFORMATION REPORTING RESOURCES**

[www.santarosa.edu/StudentHealthServices/sexual-assault-prevention](http://www.santarosa.edu/StudentHealthServices/sexual-assault-prevention)



# Prevention

While there is no single strategy to make yourself immune to sexual assault or to the threat of it, there are approaches that can reduce the chances of an assault taking place.

## General Approaches

- ◆ Take a self-defense course.
- ◆ Stay away from isolated areas, day or night.
- ◆ Always make sure you have enough gas and your car is in good repair before you leave.
- ◆ Consider carrying a cellular phone.
- ◆ Always keep doors locked at your home.
- ◆ Know who is at the door before opening it. Ask for identification from anyone you don't know.
- ◆ Use caution over the phone. Never reveal your phone number or name to a wrong number caller. Don't reveal to a caller that you are alone.
- ◆ Encourage group activities in early stages of relationships.
- ◆ Trust your gut instincts, if someone makes you feel uncomfortable, remove yourself from the situation.

## At Parties

- ◆ Drink alcohol in moderation, if you drink at all: substance abuse impairs your judgment, your ability to communicate effectively, and deprives you of strength, ability to move, or to think clearly if a dangerous situation develops.
- ◆ Have a buddy system: Go to parties or clubs with a friend and be responsible for each other. Have a pre-planned signal for an uncomfortable situation.

- ◆ Keep track of your own beverages: To avoid being drugged, don't drink from a communal drink container, don't leave your drink unattended. Make your own drinks.

## In a Relationship

- ◆ Examine your needs and desires before you get into a sexual situation.
- ◆ Clearly tell your partner what you want. If there are limits that you want to maintain, state what they are and stick to them. Clearly ask your partner what he/she wants.
- ◆ Listen to each other.
- ◆ Be aware of non-verbal cues, but do not rely on them. If you are not sure, ask.
- ◆ Communicate clearly and be assertive. Saying "yes" or "no" may be difficult, but it is important. Passive or polite approaches can be misunderstood or ignored.

## Definitions

### Rape

The act of sexual intercourse, by force, fear or threat of retaliation, against the will of a person; incapable of giving legal consent because of a mental/physical/developmental disability; and/or unable to consent due to intoxication (drugs/alcohol); unconscious of the act (asleep).

### Sexual Assault

Sexual assault includes, but is not necessarily limited to, acts or attempted acts of rape, forced sodomy, forced oral copulation, rape by foreign object, sexual battery, and acquaintance/date rape.

## Sexual Assault Facts

- ◆ 80-90% of sexual assaults are perpetrated by individuals known to the survivor. (RAINN)<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ 90% of rape victims are female. (RAINN)<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ 75% of the time, the offender, the victim, or both have been drinking. (AAUW)<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ 20-25% of college women have been a victim of rape or attempted rape during their college years. (Fisher)<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ College women survivors of sexual assault were attacked by:
  - ◆ Fellow classmates 35.5%
  - ◆ Friends 34.2%
  - ◆ Boyfriends or ex-boyfriends 23.7%
  - ◆ Acquaintances 2.6%
- ◆ 95% of sexual assaults survived by college women are unreported making sexual assault the 'silent epidemic'. (Fisher)<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ 43% of college-aged men admitted to using coercive behavior to have sex but did not admit it was rape. (AAUW)<sup>2</sup>

### Sources:

1. RAINN: <http://www.rainn.org>
2. Fisher, B, et al., "Sexual Victimization of College Women," US Dept. of Justice
3. AAUW: <http://www.aauw.org>

## Legal Options

Any person who has been sexually assaulted has several legal options: criminal prosecution against the assailant, and/or civil prosecution against the assailant, and/or the College District disciplinary procedure if the assailant is an employee or student.

## Sexual Assault Statistics at SRJC

As required by law, the Jeanne Clery Act requires that statistics are available to the public regarding crimes reported on and near college campuses. You may find this information about Santa Rosa Junior College on the following web site: [www.santarosa.edu/police](http://www.santarosa.edu/police)

## Verity

835 Piner Road, Suite D  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2063  
<http://ourverity.org/>

**24-hour Rape Crisis Line:**  
707 545-7273

FREE services are provided to victims of all forms of sexual assault including: incest, child sexual abuse, date rape, marital rape, same sex rape, sexual harassment, and attempted sexual assault, no matter how long ago the incident occurred. These services are provided by staff and trained volunteers.

**Hearing and Speech Impaired:**  
Rape Crisis Hotline: 707-545-5543

**Walk-in Crisis Counseling:**  
Weekdays, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.