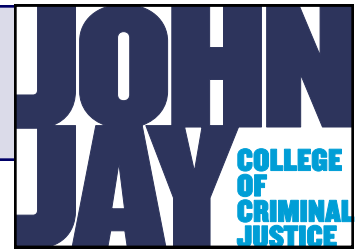


SEXUAL ASSAULT: What EVERY student needs to know



What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is a form of power and control over another person. It refers to **sexual contact** or **conduct** committed by one person against another, without the other person's **consent**. Sexual contact or conduct can take many forms. Some examples include: indecent exposure, sodomy, and rape. Perpetrators of sexual assaults can be of any age, race, gender, or ability, and sexual assaults are most frequently committed by someone the victim knows. If you have been fondled, kissed, and/or forced or coerced into any other form of sexual contact, **then you may have been sexually assaulted.**

THE FACTS¹

78% of rapes are committed by someone the victim knows.

- 1 out of every 4 16-24 year old women has been the victim of a sexual assault.
- An estimated 91% of rape victims are female, and 99% of offenders are male.
- About 3% of American men — 1 in 33 — have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.
- A recent study in the *Journal of School Social Work* found that LGBTQ youth were 4 times more likely to have experienced sexual assault or attempted sexual assault than their heterosexual peers.
- U.S. Justice Department statistics show that only 26% of all rapes or attempted rapes are reported to law enforcement officials.
- Only about 3% of the perpetrators of the rapes that are reported face jail time.

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME

If you've been sexually assaulted:

- First make sure you are not in any immediate danger.
- If you are on campus, dial 212-237-8888 for security, or find the nearest alert phone and press #1.
(Alert phones are located in every classroom and bathroom.)
- If you are not on campus, call 911 or go to your local emergency room for immediate medical care.
- Try not to shower or change your clothes. Doing so might erase evidence of the crime.
- When you get to the hospital, tell the triage nurse that you were sexually assaulted and would like a SAFE Exam. This will ensure that you get the appropriate medical care, and that you are not billed for the services you receive while you're in the emergency room.

Going to the emergency room does not require that you report the assault to police. Seeking medical care is a way to check for injury, try to prevent sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy, get counseling or victim advocacy, and collect evidence if and when you decide to make a police report in the future.

- Whether or not you decide to seek medical attention or file a police report, find someone to talk to. Tell someone you trust who can support and assist you.

You can also choose to call the Safe Horizon 24 hour hotline at (212) 227-3000, or contact a nearby rape crisis program. For a comprehensive list of programs in New York City, go to www.nycagainstrape.org.

HELP US END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

A large part of the Women's Center's mission is to lead John Jay in **ending violence against women and other forms of gender-based discrimination**. Here are some ways to **get involved**:

- Become a Women's Center volunteer: help us organize events, participate in community outreach, and co-facilitate class presentations.
- Educate yourself about violence against women and other gender justice issues by coming to our events, picking up information at our tables, and joining our Facebook group.
- Men can also get involved by joining our weekly men's group sponsored by Men Can Stop Rape.

For more information visit the Women's Center in Room L.67.10

REMEMBER: Although this handout provides some tips for dealing with sexual assault, it is no substitute for reaching out to trained professionals to get more comprehensive services.

¹ Statistics compiled from: Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN), the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee (EEOC), the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA), FBI.gov, and The National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC).

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Office Hours

Monday 10am-5pm

Tuesday 10am-6pm

Wednesday 10am-7pm

Thursday 10am-5pm

Friday 11am-5pm



CUNY POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AGAINST STUDENTS:

The City University of New York seeks to create and maintain a safe environment in which all members of the University community—students, faculty and staff—can learn and work free from the fear of gender-based violence. The University's policies on Workplace Violence and Domestic Violence and the Workplace apply to all acts of violence that occur in the workplace or that may spill over into the workplace. The University's Sexual Harassment Policy prohibits many forms of unwelcome conduct, including but not limited to, physical conduct of a sexual nature. CUNY has also outlined Policies and Procedures Concerning Sexual Assault, Stalking and Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Against Students that addresses both on and off-campus incidents. For more information go to: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/Sex_assaultPolicies_and_Procedures.pdf or see the Women's Center website.

CUNY wants all victims of sexual assault, stalking and domestic and intimate partner violence to know that the University has professionals and law enforcement officers who are trained in the field to assist student victims in obtaining help, including immediate medical care, counseling and other essential services. If the perpetrator is also a member of the CUNY community, the college will take prompt action to investigate, and, where appropriate, to discipline and sanction the perpetrator. CUNY urges all victims to seek immediate help in accordance with the guidelines set forth in these policies with the assurance that all information received will be handled as confidentially as possible.

COLLEGE RESOURCES:

Women's Center
Room L.67.10
(212)237-8184

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/counseling/womencenter.asp>

Counseling Department
Room L.68.00
(212)237-8111

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/counseling/x.asp>

Office of Public Safety
Room L2.61
Security Office: (212)237-8524
In case of emergency, call: (212)237-8888

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/Security.php>

Student Health Center
Room L.67.00
Phone: (212)237-8052

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/2003.php>

Dean of Students
Room L.65.00
Phone: (212)237-8100

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/3523.php>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program (SAVI)

http://www.nycagainstrape.org/resource_7.html

Phone: (212) 423-2146

Free crisis intervention and on-going individual and group counseling.
Locations in New York City and Queens.

National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC)

<http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/Main.aspx>

Hotline: 1-800-394-2255

Leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims, including a stalking resource center.

NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project (AVP)

<http://www.avp.org/>

Phone: (212)714-1141

Counseling and advocacy services for LGBTQ survivors, as well as accompaniment to police, courts, medical, and social service agencies.

New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault

<http://www.nycagainstrape.org/>

Information regarding sexual assault research, policy, and treatment.

NYPD Sex Crimes Report Hotline

Hotline: 212-267-RAPE

Confidential hotline for reporting sexual assaults.

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)

<http://www.rainn.org>

Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE

National hotline for sexual assault victims.

Safe Horizon

<http://www.safehorizon.org/>

Hotline: 1-800-621-HOPE

Supportive services for crime victims, including shelter placement, crisis intervention, short-term and on-going counseling, legal advisement, and community outreach programs.

St. Luke's Crime Victims Treatment Center (CVTC)

<http://www.cvtc-slr.org/>

Phone: (212)523-4728

Free crisis intervention, short-term and on-going individual and group counseling.

Sanctuary for Families

<http://www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org/>

Free clinical, legal, and shelter services.

Violence Intervention Program, Inc. (VIP)

<http://63.135.104.107/>

Hotline: 1-800-644-5880

Bilingual counseling, shelter, and advocacy services for Spanish speakers. 24hr crisis hotline for victims in need of emergency assistance.