

What You Can Do

- You have the option to have an evidence collection kit at NO cost, up to 120 hrs after the assault.
- You can receive help to protect yourself from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
- You can file for Victim Compensation with the Office of Victims Services.
- Speak with the Gender Equity Coordinator and have your conversations remain confidential.
- Find out about your legal options such as a civil protection order.
 - A civil protection order can protect you against:
 - Your sexual assault abuser
 - Someone who is stalking you
- To obtain a civil protection order go to the Court Service Center at your local court house.
- Report the assault to the police or don't report the assault to the police.
- Not be judged based on your race, age, class, gender or sexual orientation.
- Have an advocate accompany you to medical, law enforcement and legal proceedings.
- You can ask questions and get answers regarding tests, exams, medications, treatments or police reports.
- Have the right to be treated with respect!

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Resources at Gateway

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Cornell Scott Hill Health Center
(203) 503-3740
Room N114

Counseling and Student Success Center
(203) 285-2090
Room N213

Resources Outside of Gateway

Connecticut Toll Free Crisis Hotline
24 Hr English Hotline: (888) 999-5545
24 Hr Spanish Hotline: (888) 568-8332

Women & Families Center
Sexual Assault Crisis Services
(203) 389-5010

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence
(860) 282-9881
www.endsexualviolencect.org

New Haven Vet Center
Sexual Trauma Program
(203) 932-9899
RAINN www.rainn.org



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Sexual Assault

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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What Is Sexual Assault?

- Sexual assault consists of a range of behaviors from sexual intercourse to sexual contact without the presence of consent.
- Non Consensual Sexual Intercourse:
 - Is any sexual intercourse.
 - No matter how slight the penetration or contact.
 - This includes vaginal, anal and oral penetration.
 - With the use of any body part or object. By a penis, object, tongue, or finger, and oral copulation (mouth to genital contact or genital to mouth contact).
- Without consent and/or by force.
- Non Consensual Sexual Contact:
 - Is any intentional sexual touching over and/or under clothes.
 - No matter how slight the contact.
 - This includes intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals.
 - Touching someone with any of these body parts, or making someone touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts, or any intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner.
- Without consent and/or by force.



Some people question if what happened to them can really be called rape, especially if they knew the perpetrator.

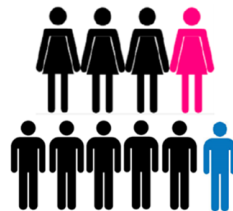
Even if....

you had sex before, you knew the person, you trusted the person, you didn't fight back, it happened a long time ago, you never told anyone.

Sex without consent is rape!

Consent

- Consent must be informed, freely and actively given, involving an understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicates a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity.
- It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement.
- The lack of a negative response is not consent.
- Consent may not be given by a minor or by any individual who is incapacitated, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by drugs and/or alcohol.
- Past consent of sexual activities does not imply ongoing future consent.



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The Facts

- Sexual assault is NEVER the victim's fault.
- Every 2 minutes, someone is sexual assaulted in the U.S.
- Men can be and are victims of sexual violence.
- Less than 5% of college sexual assault are reported to the authorities.
- 85% of sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance.
- 97% of rapists will never spend a day in jail.
- 33% of sexual assault begin to happen in the presence of a bystander who could take action to intervene.
- 14% of Connecticut residents experienced childhood sexual assault.
- 42% of victims never tell ANYONE.
- A sexual assault can happen at any time.
- 60% of sexual assaults occur in the victim's home or the home of a friend, relative, or neighbor.