

If you or someone you care about has been sexually assaulted, please remember you are not alone.

Call someone you trust for emotional support.

For free, confidential help or information call 1-800-656-HOPE or the campus number listed below.

CALL US. SOMEONE IS WAITING TO LISTEN AND TO HELP.

For more information contact the rape crisis center in your area.

CONTACT Huntington Rape Crisis Counseling
Huntington
304-399-1111

Family Refuge Center
Lewisburg
304-645-6334

Family Service REACH Program
Charleston
304-340-3676

Hope, Inc.
Fairmont
304-367-1100

Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center
Morgantown
304-292-5100

Sexual Assault Help Center
Wheeling
304-234-8519

Shenandoah Women's Center
Martinsburg
304-263-8292

Women's Aid In Crisis
Elkins
1-800-339-1185

Women's Resource Center
Beckley
1-888-825-7836


Or

The National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-HOPE

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WELCOME TO CAMPUS



**New Beginnings
New Experiences
New Responsibilities
and
New Challenges...**

But...

... there are some things you should know to make your college experience safe.

FACT Sexual assault is the second most common violent crime committed on college campuses.

FACT Most victims of campus sexual assault are full-time students; one-third are first year students ages 17–19.

FACT 84% of the victims will know the rapist.

FACT Most victims are raped by someone they thought they could trust in places where they thought they were safe.

FACT 75% of acquaintance rapes involve alcohol or other drugs.

REMEMBER THESE ABCDs...

Assert Yourself.

Trust your gut. If you don't feel comfortable in a situation, leave.

Be careful about inviting someone into your room or going to someone else's.

Most sexual assaults occur on campus. But for those that occur off-campus, half occur at the victim's residence while 1/3 occur at off-campus housing such as fraternity houses.

Communicate clearly.

Never assume that you know what your date is thinking. If you believe that you are getting mixed signals, ask your date what he/she wants.

Don't mix sexual decisions with drugs and alcohol.

You cannot make smart decisions when you are drunk or high.

REDUCE YOUR RISK

If your date or partner cares about you, he/she will respect your feelings and your boundaries.

Be cautious of individuals who...

- don't respect your opinions or choices and always want to be in control.
- ignore your personal space, stand too close, follow you and/or touch you inappropriately.
- express sexist attitudes and behaviors, make sexist remarks or jokes.
- don't listen to you.
- act too jealous or possessive.
- try to make you feel guilty if you don't go along with the crowd.
- pressure you with lines like, "If you loved me, you would..."
- encourage you to drink more than you want.
- isolate you from your group of friends.
- make you feel like you "owe" them something.