

**S**exual assault is any assault of a sexual nature on another person. Sexual assault is an act of violence.

**Lack of consent exists when one or more of the following factors are present:**

- × Force
- × Intimidation or threat
- × Temporary or permanent mental incapacity on the part of the victim
- × Temporary or permanent physical helplessness on the part of the victim
- × Incapacity to consent due to the youth of the victim



**Although sexual assaults most frequently are by a man on a woman, it may be a man on a man, woman on a man, or woman on a woman. Sexual Assault may include the following forms of contact:**

- × Intentional touching, either of the victim or when the victim is forced to touch directly or through clothing, another person's genitals, breasts, groin or buttocks
- × Sodomy
- × Sexual penetration with an object

## Prevention Tips

- ◆ **Be aware** of your surroundings. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way to get out of a bad situation.
- ◆ **Avoid isolated areas** when you are alone. It is more difficult to get help if no one is around.
- ◆ **Walk with purpose.** At least *act* like you know where you're going at all times.
- ◆ **Trust your instincts.** If a situation or location feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably isn't the best place to be.
- ◆ **Don't load yourself down** with packages or bags as this makes you appear more vulnerable and helpless.
- ◆ **Have your cell phone with you** and make sure it is charged.
- ◆ **Don't isolate yourself** from people you are with.
- ◆ **Avoid playing music or other distractions in both ears** so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.



## Public Safety

### Public Safety Center

Emergency: 414.456.8299

Non-Emergency: 414.456.8295

Located on the 1st floor, NE corner of the  
HRC, Room H1820

Open 24 hours a day / Seven days a week

### Access and Parking Service

414.456.8471

### Central Administration

414.456.8424

Email: [PubSafety@mail.mcw.edu](mailto:PubSafety@mail.mcw.edu)

### Website:

<http://Infoscope.mcw.edu/publicsafetyinfoscope.htm>

# Sexual Assault

Medical College of Wisconsin



## Public Safety



## National Statistics



*Each year in the U.S., for every 5000 female students there are:*

- ◆ 97 sexual assaults by force or threat of force
- ◆ 80 attempted sexual assaults by force or threat of force
- ◆ 121 sexual assaults by coercion

- ◆ 146 sexual contacts with force or threat of force
- ◆ 149 sexual contacts by coercion
  - ◆ 90% knew their offender
  - ◆ 52% took place after midnight
  - ◆ 37% took place between 6 p.m. and midnight
  - ◆ The majority took place in living quarters, both on and off campus
  - ◆ Less than 5% of completed or attempted sexual assaults were reported to the police
  - ◆ 2/3 victims told someone about the assault, but rarely was it a college official

(Source: "The Sexual Victimization of College Women"; National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Statistics; December, 2000.)

## Wisconsin Statistics

- ◆ Approximately 1 forcible sexual assault is reported every 7 hours, 42 minutes, 40 seconds.
- ◆ 88.9% of victims knew their assailants—6.5 were strangers.
- ◆ 32.7% of the time, sexual assaults happen at the victim's residence.
- ◆ Use of a firearm, knife, blunt object, and/or drug were reported in 2% of the cases.



(Source: 2004 Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Report on Sexual Assaults in Wisconsin)

## Being Victimized

### *If you are the victim...*

- ◆ Try to escape: RUN! SCREAM! FIGHT!
- ◆ Get to a safe place
- ◆ Stay ALIVE
- ◆ Try to preserve physical evidence
  - ◆ Save clothes, sheets, blankets that you may have come in contact with during or after the assault.
- ◆ Do not bathe, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing in order to preserve evidence
- ◆ Notify Public Safety and/or Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
  - ◆ Public Safety: [414-456-8299](tel:414-456-8299)
  - ◆ Milwaukee Co. Sheriff's Office: [911](tel:911)
- ◆ Remember as much as possible about the assault and the assailant
- ◆ Call a close friend or family member to be with you
- ◆ Don't blame yourself, it's not your fault
- ◆ Get medical attention immediately



Froedtert Hospital	Children's Hospital	Waukesha Mem. Hospital
9200 W. Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53226 414-805-3000	9000 W. Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53226 414-266-2000	725 American Ave Waukesha, WI 53188 262-928-1000 or 262-544-2745
You may want to contact a crisis or counseling center		

### *If the victim is a friend or relative...*

- ◆ Remain calm
- ◆ Believe the victim
- ◆ Encourage medical attention
- ◆ Be supportive without being judgmental



## Local Resources

### Milwaukee County:

#### Counseling Center of Milwaukee

2038 N. Bartlett Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
**Crisis Line:** 414-271-9523  
Phone: 414-271-2565  
TTY: 414-271-0102  
[www.tccmilw.org](http://www.tccmilw.org)

#### Sexual Assault Treatment Center

960 N. 12th Street  
Room 2120  
Milwaukee, WI 53201  
**Crisis Line:** 414-219-5555  
Phone: 414-219-5805  
TTY: 414-219-7570  
[www.aurorahealthcare.org](http://www.aurorahealthcare.org)

#### The Healing Center

611 W. National Ave.  
4th Floor  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
**Crisis Line:** 414-671-4325  
Phone: 414-671-4325  
TTY: 414-671-6836  
[www.thehealingcenter.org](http://www.thehealingcenter.org)

### Waukesha County:

#### The Women's Center

505 N. East Ave.  
Waukesha, WI 53186  
**Crisis Line:** 262-542-3828  
Phone: 262-547-4600  
[www.twcwaukesha.org](http://www.twcwaukesha.org)

### Racine County:

#### Sexual Assault Services

1220 Mound Ave.  
Ste 304  
Racine, WI 53404  
**Crisis Line:** 62-637-7233  
Phone: 262-619-1634  
TTY: 262-637-7233  
[tdewalt@lsswis.org](mailto:tdewalt@lsswis.org)