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Factors contributing to sexual violence

- Consumption of alcohol and drug use
- Miscommunication
- Aggressive attitudes of the perpetrator
- Expectation of sex

Safety Tips

- When you first date someone, check them out with friends.
- Plan to meet someplace where there are other people and always let someone else know who you are with and where you are going.
- Remember drugs and alcohol decreases your ability to take care of yourself and make sensible decisions.
- Be prepared to find your own transportation home. Always have your cell phone.
- Clearly and firmly let your date know your limits before you get into a situation you can't control.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy, get to where there are other people or tell your date to leave. Be assertive.
- The bottom line is no means no. Say it, mean it, and understand it.

Confidentiality

- In accordance with existing policies and laws, every effort will be made to protect the privacy of all individuals throughout all phases of the complaint investigation and resolution process. Information about complaints will be maintained in confidence to the fullest extent possible.



About SUNY Cobleskill

The State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill is an accredited polytechnic college that is primarily baccalaureate and residential. The College has an enrollment of 2,600 students in 50 programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Business. An economic engine for rural New York, SUNY Cobleskill is home to a wide array of continuing education and professional development opportunities.



Sexual Violence

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Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature perpetrated against a person's will or where a person is incapable of giving consent.

The SUNY Cobleskill community has a zero tolerance policy for sexual violence, which includes sexual assault, sexual harassment and sexual exploitation. Members of the community who commit these crimes will be subject to severe sanctions through the campus judicial system such as suspension or dismissal from college. Additionally, the accused can face criminal charges in a court of law.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is the forcing of unwanted sexual activity by one person on another, as by the use of threats or coercion. Sexual assault takes many forms, including attacks such as rape or attempted rape, as well as any unwanted sexual contact or threats. Usually a sexual assault occurs when someone touches any part of another person's body in a sexual way, even through clothes, without that person's consent. Some types of sexual acts which fall under the category of sexual assault include forced sexual intercourse (rape), sodomy (oral or anal sexual acts), fondling, and attempted rape. Perpetrators commit sexual assault by way of violence, threats, coercion, manipulation, pressure or tricks. Whatever the circumstances, no one asks or deserves to be sexually assaulted.

Types of Sexual Assault

- By a stranger or acquaintance, sexual intercourse or any sexual penetration, however slight, of another person's oral, anal, or genital opening with any object (an object includes but is not limited to parts of a person's body) where active consent was not established. Where the victim purported to give consent, but the accused used force, threat, intimidation, or the victim's mental or physical helplessness, the charge of sexual assault also applies. Mental or physical helplessness would include, but not be limited to, sleeping or an individual being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
- By a stranger or acquaintance, touching a person's intimate parts (defined as genitalia, groin, breast, or buttocks), whether directly or through clothing, where active consent was not established. Sexual assault also includes forcing an unwilling person to touch another's intimate parts. Where the victim purported to give consent, but the accused used force, threat, intimidation, or the victim's mental or physical helplessness, the charge of sexual assault also applies. Mental or physical helplessness would include, but not be limited to, sleeping or an individual being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is unwelcomed verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is severe or pervasive and affects working conditions or creates a hostile or offensive work environment.

Examples include:

- Verbal or written: comments about clothing, personal behavior, or a person's body; sexual or sex-based jokes; requesting sexual favors or repeatedly asking a person out; sexual innuendoes; telling rumors about a person's personal or sexual life; threatening a person
- Physical/ Assault: impeding or blocking movement; inappropriate touching of a person or a person's clothing; kissing, hugging, patting, stroking
- Nonverbal: Looking up and down a person's body; derogatory gestures or facial expressions of a sexual nature; following a person
- Visual: Posters, drawings, pictures, screensavers or Emails of a sexual nature

Sexual Exploitation

Nonconsensual, abusive sexual behavior that does not otherwise constitute sexual assault, or sexual harassment.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Intentional, nonconsensual tampering with or removal of condoms, or other methods of birth control and STI prevention prior to or during sexual contact in a manner that significantly increases the likelihood of STI contraction and/or pregnancy by the non-consenting party
- Nonconsensual video or audio taping of sexual activity
- Allowing others to watch consensual or nonconsensual sexual activity without the consent of a sexual partner
- Observing others engaged in dressing/undressing or in sexual acts without their knowledge or consent
- Inducing incapacitation with the intent to sexually assault another person

Definition of Consent

"Active consent" means that each person involved in sexual contact not only agrees to the sexual activity but also agrees freely and knowingly. A person who has been threatened or coerced, whose judgment is substantially impaired by drugs or alcohol or by physical or mental impairment even if temporary, or who is unconscious or asleep, cannot give consent to sexual contact. A person under the age of 17 years is deemed incapable to giving consent.

Options

If you or a friend have been sexually assaulted or raped, you are not alone. Seek help immediately. We can help! Victim support services provided in cases of sexual violence are available through the following offices or agencies:

On Campus

- University Police
518-255-5317 or 255-5555
- Beard Wellness Center
Counseling and Health Services
518-255-5225
- Residence Life
518-255-5215
- Office of Human Resources (Coordinator Title IX)
518-255-5423

Off Campus

- Rape Crisis Services (24 hour hotline)
518-234-4949
- Planned Parenthood
518-234-3325
- Bassett Hospital Emergency Department
518-254-3300
- Cobleskill Police Department
518-234-2111 or 911
- State Police Department
518-234-3131 or 911
- Schoharie County Sheriff's Department
518-295-8114

External Organizations

- NY State Division of Human Rights
518-474-2705
- NY State Office for Civil Rights
718-488-3550

Taking Action

Victims have the right to pursue criminal action, judicial action, or both. A victim may also file a report to the Title IX coordinator. You have the right to seek academic and housing accommodations as necessary.

What is Title IX?

Title IX is a section of federal education law which seeks to ensure that students have access to educational pursuits without being hampered by behavior such as sexual violence in all of its forms.