

Sexual Assault, Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Information

Sexual assault, sexual violence and sexual harassment are difficult subjects to talk about but it is important that you have information to prevent an assault as well as to obtain immediate help should an assault occur. This information will assist you in making informed decisions about how to protect yourself and what to do if you, or someone you know, ever become a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence.

Examples of sexual harassment include unwanted, uninvited, unsolicited verbal or written contacts, stalking, or leering with intention to harass, intimidate, threaten, retaliate or create conflict, including the use of electronic means of communication (California Penal Code, sections 422, 646.9).

Specifically, sexual harassment or stalking includes:

- Sexual advances or requests for sexual favors.
- Physical, verbal or nonverbal behavior that is sexual in nature or is hostile, demeaning, or intimidating.
- Sexual comments, jokes, or innuendoes.
- Purposely engaging in conduct directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys, torments, or terrorizes the person and serves no legitimate purpose.

Sexual assault is the unsolicited and unwanted touching, or threat of touching, of an intimate part of another person's body. This also includes situations where the victim is unable to resist due to alcohol or drug use. (California Penal Code, sections 240, 242, 243.4).

Sexual violence includes both sexual assault and rape. Rape is sexual intercourse against a person's will by use of threat, force or fear of injury for resisting. This includes the inability to resist due to being in a state of unconsciousness, sleep, being under the influence of medications, drugs, alcohol, etc. (California Penal Code, sections 261-266).

Date violence includes any abuse, mistreatment, or sexual contact without consent at any stage of a dating relationship.

Sexual harassment and sexual violence are crimes that are not tolerated on this campus. Mt. San Antonio College has adopted Board Policies ([AP3430](#), [AP3540](#)) and procedures designed to prevent sexual crimes, stating sanctions for offenders, and supporting access to treatment and information for victims. All applicable punishment, including criminal charges, and/or employee or student disciplinary action, shall be applied whether the violator is an employee, student or member of the general public.

MYTHS AND FACTS

Reference: The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Myth: Men rape women because it's a man's nature and biological role.

Fact: There are many societies in which men never rape women.

Myth: Only certain types of women get raped. It could never happen to me.

Fact: Any woman can be raped. Victims vary from the very young to the elderly; they come from all socio-economic levels, and are of all sexual orientations.

Myth: Men rape because they are sexually aroused or have been sexually deprived.

Fact: Men rape to exert control and confirm their power. Motives often include hostility against women in general, the desire to feel and exert power and control, and the desire to humiliate, degrade, or inflict pain. Most rapists have available sexual partners at the same time that they are raping others.

Myth: Rapes are committed by strangers at night in dark alleys.

Fact: Most rapes are committed by someone known to the victim and at any time of the day or night.

Most rapes occur in the victim's own home.

Myth: Men who rape are “psychos.”

Fact: Men who rape are mostly ordinary, everyday guys. Only a tiny percentage of men who rape would be considered clinically insane by standard psychiatric criteria.

Myth: Acquaintance rapes are not as serious as stranger rapes.

Fact: Acquaintance rape is as serious as rape by a stranger. Those who are raped by someone they know experience a similar degree of trauma to those raped by a stranger.

Myth: Men can never be raped.

Fact: Men can be and are sexually assaulted. According to U.S. Department of Justice statistics, an estimated 9 percent of rape survivors are male.

PREVENTION

- Be aware of your surroundings! Stay away from isolated areas, day or night.
- Don't walk alone on the campus at night. When leaving a classroom ask others to walk with you to your next destination.
- If you are being followed, walk or run to a crowded area as fast as you can. If you are driving, drive to a lighted, populated place, police or fire station.
- Campus Escorts are available during evening hours to assure your safety on campus and in parking lots. They are provided at your request, please call (909) 274-4555.
- Blue emergency telephone towers are located throughout the campus and parking lots for you to access Public Safety immediately should you need assistance with any emergency occurrence.
- Avoid excessive use of drugs, alcohol and any other substances that interfere with your ability to think clearly and communicate effectively.
- Lock all doors to your car and residence at all times.
- Communicate with your roommate or family so they know when to expect you and where you are supposed to be.
- Information booths, workshops and guest lectures addressing sexual harassment & violence are offered by Student Health Services every semester. To obtain current schedule information please call (909) 274-4400.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ASSAULT

If you, or another student, become the victim of sexual violence or harassment, please do the following:

- Get to a safe place as fast as possible.
- Get help. Call Public Safety from a blue emergency telephone tower or dial (909) 274-4555, or call 911 (9-911 from a campus office telephone) or alert any College employee that is nearby.
- Contact the Student Life Office, 9C, (909) 274-4525, or the Student Health Center, 67B, (909) 274-4400.
- Do not shower, bathe, wash your hands or face, douche, change or destroy clothing, or brush your hair or teeth until police arrive.
- Do not clean the area or dispose of any items in the immediate area.
- If you do not wish to call the police, ask a friend or family member to take you to a hospital or health center for help.
- Confidential emotional support is available in the Student Health Center, ext. 4400, Project Sister, (909) 626-4357, or the Rape Crisis Center, (213) 626-3393.
- If you have been assaulted in the past and need confidential counseling, contact Student Health Services, (909)274- 4400, or any of the services listed in this section.

PEER SUPPORT

If you witness or are informed about a sexual assault or sexual violence action taking place on the college campus, you are encouraged to report the crime to any College employee, such as a counselor, professor, Public Safety at (909) 274- 4555, or Student Life Office 9C, (909) 274-4525. If it is somebody that you know, you can help them by encouraging them to report the incident.

REPORTING AN ASSAULT

If you are a victim of an assault and were involved in any possible violation of the Standards of Conduct such as alcohol or drug use, you are encouraged to report the incident; the safety of students is the College's primary concern.

If the assault happened on or near campus, find a blue emergency telephone tower on campus, push the button and you will be connected with campus Public Safety, or call Public Safety at (909) 274-4555, or call 911.

If the assault happened in the past, a police reports may be filed by contacting the police department of the city where the assault occurred.

Walnut Sheriffs may be contacted at (909) 595-2264. This department has responsibility for the investigation of sexual assaults occurring at or near the College.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT CONCERNING A COLLEGE EMPLOYEE

Anyone wishing to file a complaint concerning a college employee must contact the Director of Human Resources/EEO located in Bldg. 4, or at (909) 274-4225.

CONSEQUENCES OF COMMITTING ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Any sexual assault or harassment, whether committed by an employee, student, or member of the public that occurs on College property is a violation of College policies and procedures, and is subject to all applicable punishment, including criminal procedures and employee or student discipline procedures.

Student disciplinary action can result in immediate suspension and/or expulsion. (Board Policy 3540, 3500 & 5500)

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

FERPA allows the college to disclose to an alleged victim of any crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense the final results of a disciplinary proceeding conducted by the college against the alleged perpetrator of that crime.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

Project Sister (24 hr. Rape Hotline)	(909) 626-4357
East L.A. Hotline (Bilingual-Spanish)	(800) 585-6231
Pacific Clinics Call Center (Mental Health)	(877) 722-2737

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Baldwin Park Police Department

14403 Pacific Avenue
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
626-960-1955

Claremont Police Department

570 West Bonita Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711
909-626-1296

Covina Police Department

444 North Citrus Avenue
Covina, CA 91723
626-331-3391

La Verne Police Department

2061 Third Street La Verne, CA 91750
909-593-2531

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department:

City of Industry Sheriff Station – Serving City

of Industry, Bassett, Hacienda Heights, La Puente,
and Valinda

150 North Hudson Avenue

City of Industry, CA 91744

626-330-3322

Walnut Sheriff Station

Serving Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Walnut

21695 Valley Blvd.,

Walnut, CA 91789

909-595-2264

San Dimas Sheriff Station

(Serving San Dimas, unincorporated areas of Azusa,

Claremont, Covina, Glendora, La Verne)

270 South Walnut Avenue

San Dimas, CA 91773

909-450-2700

Pomona Police Department

490 West Mission Blvd

Pomona, CA 91766

909-622-1241

West Covina Police Department

1444 West Garvey Street

West Covina, CA 91790

626-939-8500

INFORMATIVE WEB SITES

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA):

www.calcasa.org

The National Center for Victims of Crime:

www.ncvc.org

The Anti-Stalking website:

www.antistalking.com

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

www.ncadv.org

National Sexual Violence Resource Center:

www.nsvrc.org

Mt. San Antonio College:

www.mtsac.edu

Search under "sexual assault policy"

California Department of Health Services

<http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs>

Search the "Los Angeles" site.