

CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EDUCATION FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)



CAMPUS SAVE ACT

IN MARCH OF 2013, THE CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ELIMINATION ACT WAS PASSED BY CONGRESS AS PART OF THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (CAMPUS SAVE ACT). THE NEW LAW IS AIMED AT INCREASING TRANSPARENCY BY EXPANDING THE TYPES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE INCIDENTS THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED IN THE ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT (ASR) SUBMITTED BY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. THE NEW LAW REPRESENTS A REGULATORY EMPHASIS ON SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF SEXUAL ABUSE SUFFERED BY MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY.

NEW INDIVIDUALS PROTECTED UNDER THE LAW

- **NATIONAL ORIGIN**
- **GENDER IDENTITY**

*** THESE CATEGORIES COVER THE COMMISSION OF A HATE CRIME, BASED ON WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL WAS VICTIMIZED BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS OR BECAUSE OF THEIR PERCEIVED STATUS.**

NEW CATEGORIES DEFINED UNDER THE LAW

- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – OFFENSES AGAINST A CURRENT OR FORMER SPOUSE OR COHABITANT**
- **DATING VIOLENCE – VIOLENCE AGAINST A PERSON IN A ROMANTIC OR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP**
- **STALKING – CONDUCT THAT WOULD CAUSE A REASONABLE PERSON TO FEAR FOR THEIR OR OTHER'S SAFETY OR BEHAVIOR THAT CAUSES SUBSTANTIAL EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

NEW OFFENSES /DEFINITIONS UNDER THE LAW

- **FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES – ANY SEXUAL ACT DIRECTED AGAINST ANOTHER PERSON, FORCIBLY**
- **NON-FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES – INCLUDES INCEST AND STATUTORY RAPE**

DEFINITION OF CONSENT

- **STATE LAW ASSUMES THAT A PERSON DOES NOT CONSENT TO SEXUAL ACTIVITY IF THEY ARE FORCED, THREATENED, UNCONSCIOUS, DRUGGED, A MINOR, DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL, OR BELIEVE THEY ARE UNDERGOING A MEDICAL PROCEDURE.**

DEFINITION OF CONSENT

- **KNOW YOUR OWN LIMITS AND COMMUNICATE WHAT YOU DON'T WANT**
- **SAY "NO" OUT LOUD IF YOU DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE**
- **DON'T BE AFRAID TO TELL THEM TO "STOP"**
- **"NO" MEANS NO!**
- **IF THEY DON'T STOP WHEN YOU TELL THEM TO, THEY HAVE COMMITTED A SEXUAL ASSAULT**

INCREASED NOTIFICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

CAMPUSES MUST PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING:

- **INFORMATION ON THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- **INFORMATION ON HOW A VICTIM CAN OBTAIN ORDERS OF PROTECTION, NO CONTACT ORDERS, AND HOW THE COLLEGE WILL HONOR THOSE ORDERS**
- **INFORMATION ON HOW THE COLLEGE WILL MAINTAIN THE VICTIM'S CONFIDENTIALITY**

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WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

- **SEXUAL ASSAULT CAN BE BROADLY DEFINED AS SEXUAL CONTACT THAT OCCURS WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT CONSENT OF THE RECIPIENT. FOR EXAMPLE, TOUCHING, FONDLING, KISSING, AND OTHER UNWANTED SEXUAL CONTACT CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS SEXUAL BATTERY.**
- **SEXUAL INTERCOURSE AGAINST A PERSON'S WILL IS RAPE.**
- **SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH A MINOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS YOUNGER IS UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE.**

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT? (CONT'D)

- **PERPETRATORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT CAN BE STRANGERS, FRIENDS, ACQUAINTANCES, FAMILY MEMBERS, MALE OR FEMALE.**
- **PERPETRATORS MAY COMMIT SEXUAL ASSAULT BY MEANS OF OVERT PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, THREATS, COERCION, MANIPULATION, PRESSURE, OR TRICKS. OFTEN, SEXUAL ASSAULT INVOLVES PSYCHOLOGICAL COERCION AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INCAPACITATED OR UNDER DURESS, AND THEREFORE IS INCAPABLE OF MAKING A DECISION ON HIS OR HER OWN.**

INFORMATION ADAPTED FROM : RAPE, ABUSE, AND INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK.

SOBERING STATISTICS

- **AN ESTIMATED 20 TO 25% OF FEMALES WILL BE THE VICTIMS OF RAPE OR ATTEMPTED RAPE ON CAMPUS EACH YEAR**
- **90% OF THOSE VICTIMS KNOW THEIR ATTACKER**
- **OFF-CAMPUS RAPE IS MORE PREVALENT – OCCURRING ABOUT 66% OF THE TIME**
- **FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE WOMEN ARE AT HIGHER RISK: 84% IN ONE STUDY REPORTED SEXUALLY COERCIVE EXPERIENCES DURING THEIR FIRST 8 SEMESTERS**

A SAFE PLACE

- **THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE AT CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE SERVES AS THE RESOURCE CENTER FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND CRISIS INTERVENTION. THIS OFFICE WILL SERVE THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY IN THE AREAS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, STALKING, AND BULLYING.**
- **IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW THINKS THEY HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF ONE OF THESE OFFENSES, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING: 911 OR CAMPUS POLICE AT 256-306-2575, OR STUDENT AFFAIRS AT 256-306-2613.**

CAMPUS RESOURCES

- PREVENTION WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAMMING
- CRISIS COUNSELING REFERRAL
- STUDENT HANDBOOK POLICY CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES
- "A SAFE PLACE" STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE
- CAMPUS POLICE

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **CRISIS HELPLINE - RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES: 256-716-1000**
- **RAPE RESPONSE PROGRAM: 256-716-1000**
- **ALABAMA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: 1-334-832-4842**
- **ALABAMA STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 1-800-650-6522**
- **NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 1-800-799-7233**
- **NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: 1-800-537-2238**

CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM BILL OF RIGHTS

- **REASONABLE CHANGES TO ACADEMIC AND LIVING SITUATIONS**
- **REFERRALS TO COUNSELING, ASSISTANCE IN NOTIFYING LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- **SAME OPPORTUNITY AS ACCUSED TO HAVE OTHERS PRESENT AT DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM BILL OF RIGHTS

- **UNCONDITIONALLY NOTIFIED OF OUTCOME OF HEARING, SANCTIONS, AND TERMS OF SANCTIONS IN PLACE**
- **SPEAK (OR CHOOSE NOT TO SPEAK) TO ANYONE REGARDING THE OUTCOME**
- **NAME AND IDENTITY INFORMATION KEPT CONFIDENTIAL (FERPA)**

POLICY STATEMENT

- **ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE ON CAMPUS. HARMING ANOTHER PERSON BY COMMITTING ANY FORM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING, AS DEFINED UNDER ALABAMA STATE LAW, IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

- **VICTIMS SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR OPTIONS TO NOTIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- **ACCUSER AND ACCUSED MUST HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OTHERS PRESENT**
- **BOTH PARTIES SHALL BE INFORMED OF THE OUTCOME OF ANY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING**
- **VICTIMS SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF AVAILABLE COUNSELING SERVICES**
- **VICTIMS SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF OPTIONS FOR CHANGING ACADEMIC CLASS OR CAMPUS WORK ARRANGEMENTS**
- **VICTIMS' RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY**

STEPS FOR REPORTING OFFENSES

- **REPORT SEXUAL OFFENSE CRIMES DIRECTLY TO THE CAMPUS POLICE BY DIALING 256-306-2575 OR 2575 FROM ANY EXTENSION ON THE DECATUR CAMPUS, AND 256-890-4711 OR 4711 FROM ANY EXTENSION ON THE HUNTSVILLE CAMPUS.**
- **ALL INCIDENTS ARE INVESTIGATED AND A REPORT WILL BE FILED BY THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER.**
- **IN THE EVENT OF A SEXUAL CRIME, ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE IN THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE FOR MAKING REFERRALS TO COUNSELING SERVICES.**