

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AT THE NEW SCHOOL

DEFINITIONS, WHERE TO REPORT & RESOURCES

Consent is Hot, Assault is Not: Know the Difference

All sexual activity should be consensual. This means that you and your sexual partner have freely and explicitly given permission to each other to be touched in ways you are comfortable with. It is your right to pick and choose what types of sexual activity you want to participate in. Say yes to what you want, and no to what you don't want. You do not need to explain why; it is just your right! And remember: ask questions like "May I kiss you?" or "Is it ok if I..."

What is Sexual Assault?

The New School Sexual Assault Policy defines sexual assault as **nonconsensual** sexual intercourse or sexual touch, or sexual exploitation. If you are forced, coerced, or intimidated to submit to any kind of sex act, including unwanted touching of your or another person's intimate body parts, it is sexual assault. If you are asleep, unconscious, or incapacitated by drugs or alcohol, you are considered unable to consent to sexual activity. If someone commits any sex act upon you when you are unable to consent, it is also sexual assault. These behaviors are a serious violation of The New School Sexual Assault Policy and are against the law in New York State. To check out the full New School Sexual Assault Policy:

<http://www.newschool.edu/student-rights-and-responsibilities/sexual-assault-policy/>

What is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)?

IPV is physical, sexual or psychological harm or threats of harm by a current or former partner or spouse. IPV occurs in heterosexual, same-sex, and trans*couples.

What is Stalking?

Stalking is a series of unwanted, intrusive and repetitive behaviors directed at a specific person for the purpose of instilling fear and anxiety. Stalking can also be carried out alongside other forms of violence such as threats, physical violence, or intimate partner violence, though there does not need to be a previous or current relationship for this behavior to qualify as stalking.

What is Sexual Harassment?

The New School Sexual Harassment Policy defines sexual harassment as behavior that exploits power or authority in order to elicit sexual submission (such as a professor, employer or teaching assistant toward a student), or using sexualized words, materials or behavior that creates an intimidating, hostile or abusive environment for working, learning or enjoying other opportunities and activities. Sexual harassment impacts all genders. It may involve cis gender and trans women harassed by cis gender or trans men, or any combination of genders.

VISIT THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE WEB SITE:

WWW.NEWSCHOOL.EDU/YESMEANSYES

Where to Report Sexual Violence on Campus

If you have been sexually assaulted you are encouraged to report it by email, phone or in person to any of the following university offices:

- Student Support and Crisis Management
2 West 13th Street, 12th floor, room 1216
212.229.5900 x3189 or x3710
studentsupport@newschool.edu
- Student Rights and Responsibilities
2 West 13th Street, 12th floor, room 1216
212.229.5349 srr@newschool.edu
- Campus Security
55 West 13th Street, Mezzanine Level
212.229.7001 (24 hours) ilicetot@newschool.edu

Once a report is filed the university official receiving the report or another appropriate official will provide the following information to you:

- Clear explanation of the university investigative and hearing procedures
- Where to access medical care
- Information about legal options
- Where to access support services on and off campus

Confidential Disclosure on Campus

Students who want to talk with a staff person at the university about an incident of sexual violence and maintain strict confidentiality, can do so at Medical and Counseling Services on campus.

Legal Options – Reporting to the Police

In addition to the university's student disciplinary process and those disciplinary procedures applicable to faculty and staff, you have the right to pursue criminal prosecution and/or civil litigation. You can go to the precinct corresponding to the area where the crime occurred or call the New York Police Department Special Victims Report Line at 212.610.7273. The hotline provides the option of getting some information without having to disclose your name. With that information you can then decide whether to go forward with the reporting process. You should never be pressured to file a report. It is your decision to report unless:

- There is suspicion or evidence of child abuse when a report to Administration for Children's Services at 800.635.1522 is mandated;
- There is an injury by a deadly weapon, when medical staff only is mandated to report the crime to the police.

Reporting sexual violence to the police does not obligate you to file criminal charges or pursue other legal action. In the case of sexual violence, however, prompt reporting and a comprehensive medical examination completed at a hospital emergency department within 96 hours of the assault will aid the legal process.

The Office of Student Support and Crisis Management working with Campus Security is available to provide support and advocacy throughout this process. The university is committed to providing full and prompt cooperation and assistance in notifying the proper law enforcement personnel if you so choose.

The Importance of Medical Care

You have the option of going to a hospital emergency room for medical care. This is especially important if it is within 96 hours of the assault. To preserve the evidence, it is best not to shower, wash, douche, eat or drink fluids, if possible. Carry evidence in a clean paper bag. If it is more than 96 hours after the assault, it is still recommended that you receive medical care, but you will not have available all the options discussed below. You have the right to refuse any or all parts of the treatment/evidence collection. Medical care following a sexual assault includes:

- a physical exam to check any internal or external injuries
- evidence collection (if presenting within 96 hours of the assault)
- preventive treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections
- preventive treatment for HIV (if presenting within 36 hours)
- emergency contraception, also known as Plan B (if presenting within 72 hours)
- medical follow-up referrals and information

Please note: Going to a hospital emergency room does not mean you have to report the crime to the police. You can go to the emergency room and get medical attention/evidence collection and then take some time to think about whether you want to report the crime to the police. The hospital emergency room is required to store the evidence for 30 days. If you do not want medical care from a hospital emergency room, it is still encouraged you seek medical attention. You can see your private medical provider or our Medical Services, where you may feel more comfortable. Just note that you will not have available all the options stated above, especially evidence collection. Federal law requires forensic exams (evidence collection) be conducted for free regardless of your decision to report the incident to the police or not.

It is recommended that you go for medical care at one of the hospitals listed below. These hospitals have Rape Crisis Programs and have trained Advocates available 24 hours. The Advocates will provide emotional support and information and help with the police reporting process.

Beth Israel Hospital Emergency Department
16th Street at 1st Avenue – Phone: 212.420.4054

OR **Roosevelt Hospital Emergency Department**
1000 Tenth Avenue at 59th Street – Phone: 212.523.4728

To learn more about the evidence collection procedure, please visit:

http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/protocols_and_guidelines/sexual_assault/docs/protocol_appendix_q.pdf

Emotions and Concerns

As a survivor of sexual violence you may experience a wide range of emotional reactions, and the decision to report the assault and/or seek help is a very personal and complex one. It is encouraged that you seek support as soon as you are ready. Reactions can vary and may include shock, denial, anxiety, guilt, anger, and self-blame, as well as nightmares, changes in sleeping and eating patterns, flashbacks, and depression. You may want to seek professional, confidential assistance either on campus at Counseling Services located at 80 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, or off campus at a local Rape Crisis Center. For a list of local Rape Crisis Centers visit http://www.svfreenyc.org/resource_list_Hospital.html.

Resources for Survivors, Friends, Allies and Advocates

The New School Resources

Campus Security – 212.229.7001 (24 hours)
Student Counseling and Medical Services -212.229.1671, press 1 or 2
After Hours Nurse Advice Line – 212.229.1671, option 1
Student Support and Crisis Management - 212.229.5900 x3189
Student Rights and Responsibilities - 212.229.5900 x3656

Hotlines – 24 Hours

Safe Horizon: Emergency Hotline – 866.689.4357
RAINN Online Hotline: <https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>
NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project - 212.714.1141
Suicide Prevention (LifeNet) - 800.543.3638
New York Asian Women’s Center – 888.888.7702
Domestic Violence Hotline – 800.621.HOPE (4673)

Advocacy and Counseling Services for Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking

St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Crime Victims Treatment Center
411 West 114th Street, Phone: 212.523.4728
Website: www.cvtc-slr.org/

Beth Israel Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Intervention Program
317 East 17th Street, Phone: 212.420.4054

New York City – 24 hours

Police and for Emergency - Dial 911
NYPD Special Victims Liaison Unit Report Line - 646.610.7273

LGBTQIAGNC Resources

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center
208 West 13th Street, Phone: 212.620.7310

The New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project (AVP)
240 West 35th Street, suite 200, Phone: 212.714.1184

HIV/AIDS Testing

Student Health Services OR NYC Department of Health
80 5th Avenue, 3rd floor 800.TALK.HIV or 212.447.8200
212.229.1671, option 2

Local Pharmacy (accepts Student Health Insurance Plan)

Duane Reade (Open 24 hours)
378 Sixth Avenue (at Waverly Place) Phone: 212.674.5357

Other

Women’s Rights at Work - 888.979.7765
New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault - 212.523.4344
New York State Crime Victim’s Board - 718.923.4325