

# SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AT THE NEW SCHOOL

## DEFINITIONS

### 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, visit [www.newschool.edu/student-rights-and-responsibilities/sexual-assault-policy/](http://www.newschool.edu/student-rights-and-responsibilities/sexual-assault-policy/)

## WHERE TO REPORT

### Reporting 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:

- Title IX Coordinator  
72 Fifth Avenue, 4th floor  
212.229.5900 x3656, [franconj@newschool.edu](mailto:franconj@newschool.edu)  
Jennifer Francone, Assistant Vice President for Student Life
- Campus Security  
68 Fifth Avenue, mezzanine level  
212.229.7001 (24 hours), [ilicetot@newschool.edu](mailto:ilicetot@newschool.edu)  
Tom Illiceto, Director
- Student Support and Crisis Management  
72 Fifth Avenue, 4th floor  
212.229.5900 x3189, [studentsupport@newschool.edu](mailto:studentsupport@newschool.edu)  
Maureen Sheridan, Director

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 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 your right to report incidents of sexual assault to the university, you have the right to pursue criminal prosecution and/or civil litigation. Prompt reporting and a comprehensive medical examination completed at a hospital emergency department within 96 hours of the assault will aid the legal process. 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 646.610.7272. 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.

Please note: You should never be pressured to file a report. It is your decision to report unless there is an injury by a deadly weapon, when medical staff only is mandated to report the crime to the police. In addition, 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,

Student Support and Crisis Management is available to provide support and advocacy throughout this process as needed.

### 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 (as soon as possible and up to 36 hours)
- emergency contraception (as soon as possible and up to 120 hours)
- medical follow-up referrals and information

VISIT THE ANTI-VIOLENCE WEBSITE: [WWW.NEWSCHOOL.EDU/YESMEANSYES](http://WWW.NEWSCHOOL.EDU/YESMEANSYES)

**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 visit 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.

**Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital Emergency Department**  
16th Street at 1st Avenue, Phone: 212.420.2000

**OR** **Mount Sinai Roosevelt Hospital Emergency Department**  
1000 Tenth Avenue at 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Phone: 212.523.4000

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

[www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/protocols\\_and\\_guidelines/sexual\\_assault/docs/protocol\\_appendix\\_q.pdf](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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, or off campus at a local Rape Crisis Center. For a list of local Rape Crisis Centers visit [www.svfreennyc.org/resource\\_list\\_Hospital.html](http://www.svfreennyc.org/resource_list_Hospital.html).

## RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS, FRIENDS, ALLIES, AND ADVOCATES

### The New School Resources

**Campus Security:** 212.229.7001 (24 hours)  
**Student Health Services:** 212.229.1671  
**Student Support and Crisis Management:** 212.229.5900 x3189  
**Student Rights and Responsibilities:** 212.229.5900 x3656

### Hotlines – 24 Hours

**Safe Horizon Emergency Hotline:** 800.621.4673  
**RAINN Online Hotline:** [ohl.rainn.org/online](http://ohl.rainn.org/online)  
**NYC LGBTQ Anti-Violence Project (AVP):** 212.714.1141  
**Suicide Prevention (LifeNet):** 800.543.3638  
**New York Asian Women's Center:** 888.888.7702

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

**St. Luke's-Roosevelt Crime Victims Treatment Center**  
411 West 114th Street  
212.523.4728  
[www.cvtc-slrc.org](http://www.cvtc-slrc.org)

**Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Intervention Program**  
317 East 17th Street  
212.420.4054

### New York City – 24 Hours

**Police and Emergency Medical Services:** Dial 911  
**NYPD Special Victims Liaison Unit Report Line:** 212.267.7273

### LGBTQIAGNC Resources

**NYC LGBTQ Anti-Violence Project (AVP):** 212.714.1184  
[www.avp.org](http://www.avp.org)

### HIV/AIDS Testing

**Student Health Services** **OR** **NYC Department of Health**  
80 Fifth Avenue, 3rd floor **Call 311**  
212.229.1671, option 2

### Local Pharmacy

**CVS** (Open 24 hours; accepts Student Health Insurance Plan)  
Fifth Avenue and 14th Street  
212.255.0293

### Other

**New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault:** 212.229.0345  
**New York State Office of Victim Services:** 800.247.8035