

A survivor of sexual violence will have a wide range of emotions following an incident. It is important to utilize available resources or refer someone you know who has been assaulted to receive necessary care and begin to process the events. Going to a hospital immediately following the incident provides survivors with urgent care as well as an opportunity for valuable evidence collection.

HOW FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FACULTY/STAFF CAN HELP

Say something. Lend a listening ear. Show that you care and are willing to listen. Do not force the issue but allow the individual to confide in you at his/her own pace. Never blame the person for what is happening or underestimate his/her fear of potential danger. Focus on supporting the individual's right to make his/her own decisions.

Guide survivors to campus and community resources. Let him/her know they are not alone and people are available to help. Encourage him/her to seek sexual violence advocates and assure them that information will be kept confidential in most cases.

Do not ever judge survivors. Tell the person you are sorry they have been hurt. No matter his/her behavior prior to the assault, they are not responsible—the perpetrator is. No one deserves to be assaulted.

Remind survivors that their feelings are normal. They may feel “crazy.” Assure survivors they are not “crazy” and any feeling or reaction is normal.

Validate survivors in their feelings. Continue to do so even if they feel everything is terrible and even if you feel frustrated with their recovery.

Focus on his/her strengths. The individual has probably continually been told by the abusive person that he/she is a bad person, a bad student, or a bad friend. They may believe he/she cannot do anything right and that there really is something wrong with him/her. Give him/her emotional support and help in recognizing personal strengths and skills. Emphasize that he/she deserves a life that is free from violence.

Find your own support. You cannot support someone else if you are not supported. However, do not try to receive that support from the survivor.

MEDICAL RESOURCES

ABUSE HOTLINE
800-252-5400

EAST TEXAS CRISIS CENTER
2401 Old Noonday Rd.
Tyler, TX 75701
903- 509-2526

HEART HOTLINE
903-595-5591
800-333-0358

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
800-787-3224

VIOLENCE INTERVENTION NETWORK
903-579-2500

EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
1000 S. Beckham Ave.
Tyler, TX 75701
903-597-0351

**TRINITY MOTHER FRANCES
HEALTH SYSTEM**
800 E. Dawson
Tyler, TX 75701
903-593-8441

tjc.edu/TitleIX
903-510-2186
903-510-2633 (fax)
acan2@tjc.edu

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WHAT TO DO ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE



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WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

Sexual violence refers to physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will; or where an individual is incapable of giving consent due to an intellectual disability or use of drugs and/or alcohol; or if a person clearly revokes previously given consent. Individuals have the right to revoke consent for sexual activity at any point. Sexual violence can occur between friends, classmates, spouses, romantic interests, acquaintances, or strangers. Examples of sexual violence include rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion. Dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking are also serious offenses. See tjc.edu/policies/sexualassault for additional information on these issues.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED?

The primary concern for survivors of sexual violence is safety and to address medical issues related to physical injury, sexually transmitted infections, and/or pregnancy. The secondary concern is evidence collection to aid in a possible police investigation.

Get to a safe place immediately. Go to your apartment/home, residence hall, or the residence of a trusted friend. DO NOT change your clothing or shower. Preservation of physical evidence is of the utmost importance. If you change your clothes, it is important that they are kept in a paper bag to preserve evidence.

DO NOT apply medication to any injuries that have been sustained unless absolutely necessary. DO NOT drink or chew gum, or disturb anything in the area where the assault occurred.

Get medical attention as soon as possible. Visit the Campus Clinic or go to a local hospital's emergency department. Medical attention at the local hospital is required in order to preserve valuable evidence should you decide to seek prosecution through the criminal justice system. It is important to know if you go to the hospital the local police may be contacted. If you suspect that you have been given a predatory drug, like Rohypnol or GHB, please let the staff at the Campus Clinic or hospital know. A urine sample can be collected within 72 hours of a sexual assault for predatory drug testing.

Seek free, confidential counseling on 3rd floor of Rogers Student Center. Go to tjc.edu/counselingappointment to request an appointment. Help is available for the person assaulted and for TJC students helping the survivor of sexual assault. Other free local counseling resources are available too.

Utilize campus resources. The Title IX Officer may be able to assist with changes in academic or college living arrangements if reasonable accommodations are available.

WHAT IF I WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL AT THE TIME OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Use of alcohol or drugs impacts an individual's ability to consent to a sexual act and does not put the person at blame. A student who is assaulted while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is encouraged to seek help and entitled to college and community assistance.

WHERE DO I REPORT SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

COLLEGE-RELATED REPORTING

TJC CAMPUS POLICE
Non-Emergency 903-510-2258
Emergency 903-510-2222

Individuals may file a police report with campus police for assaults occurring on campus or with local police for assaults occurring off-campus. When making a report to police, individuals may choose to report using a pseudonym so that their name will not appear in public files.

JUDICIAL OFFICER
Pirtle T-110
903-533-5434

Students may report to the Judicial Officer, who will begin an investigation upon request. If the aggressor was a student, staff will investigate possible violations of the Code of Student Conduct. The Judicial Officer may also be able to issue no-contact orders or remove another student from TJC if the student puts the college community at immediate risk.

TITLE IX COORDINATOR
Andrew Cantey
Campus Services/Purchasing Building
903-510-2186

Faculty and staff who experience dating or domestic violence and/or stalking may report to the Title IX Coordinator, who will begin an investigation upon request and assume responsibility for an individual's ongoing opportunities at TJC.

NON-COLLEGE-RELATED REPORTING

TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Non-Emergency: 903-531-1100
711 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT?

If you file a report with the Judicial Officer or the Title IX Coordinator, you will be contacted by an office representative to schedule a meeting to collect the facts related to the incident. The purpose of the initial meeting will also be to assure that you have access to all necessary resources and that there will be no impact on your opportunity to participate in your educational program. You should be prepared to address any changes to your college living arrangements or academic program that may be appropriate based on the circumstances. Once you have filed a complaint, you will be updated regularly regarding the status and outcomes of the investigation. You should expect to receive an equal opportunity for participation in the investigation and any subsequent proceedings as the individual who is the subject of the complaint. For more information, visit: tjc.edu/titleix/sexualmisconduct.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I WITNESSED A CRIME OF SEXUAL ASSAULT?

If you are a witness to a crime of sexual violence, you should report the incident to campus or local police. You may also speak with the Judicial Officer or the Title IX Coordinator, who can assist you with further reporting as appropriate.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE IF I DO NOT WANT TO FILE A COMPLAINT?

A survivor of sexual assault is always encouraged to consult with trained mental health professionals regardless of whether the person elects to file a report with the police or other campus officials. Mental health professionals typically can maintain confidentiality and should discuss their confidential privileges with you. Seeking support after a sexual assault is crucial.

COUNSELING RESOURCES

Please remember if this happens to you, you are NOT alone. Consider seeking out appropriate support at this time.

TJC Counseling Services
Rogers Student Center, 3rd floor
903-510-2041 • tjc.edu/counselingappointment

SUICIDE PREVENTION
800-448-3000

RAPE HOTLINE
800-333-0358