Sexual Assault

What is Sexual Assault?
- A crime of violence where sex is the means of assault.
- Any forced, unwanted and nonconsensual contact or activity, including touching, kissing, exhibitionism and intercourse.
- A brutally destructive attack on the victim’s sense of personal integrity and competence.

Who are the Victims of Sexual Assault?
- Anyone, regardless of sex, race, class, religion, occupation or physical appearance.
- Most reported sexual assaults occur to women between the ages of 14 and 25.

Where does Sexual Assault take place?
About 75 percent of sexual assaults occur at home or in a vehicle, and the attacker is most likely someone the victim knows.

What are the effects experienced by victims of Sexual Assault?
- A state that resembles acute grief because of severe psychological loss.
- The loss of confidence, wholeness, strength, trust and self-control.
- Feelings of powerlessness.

Staying Safe on Campus
- Always let people know where you are and where you are going.
- Know where emergency phones are located.
- If you have a cell phone, have it easily accessible at all times.
- Use campus security escorts or arrange to walk with friends.
- Call police to report suspicious activity or suspicious people.

If you or someone you know has been Assaulted:
- Seek medical attention at a hospital as soon as possible.
- Report the assault to UNT PD or DOS.
- Look for safety and support.
- Call a trusted friend.
- Call the rape crisis hotline.
- Talk to a university counselor who can help you deal with your feelings and help you heal emotionally.

Myths & Facts

Myth: Rape is a sexual crime.
Fact: Sexual Assault is a violent assault acted out in a sexual way. It violates not only the victim’s bodies, but their integrity, safety and right to control their lives.

Myth: Rapists are creepy-looking men who hang out in dark alleys.
Fact: In 75% of sexual assaults, the attacker is someone the victim knows, including a friend, spouse or relative.

Myth: If people stay inside after dark, they are safe from sexual assault.
Fact: About 75% of sexual assaults occur at home or in a vehicle.

Myth: Sexual assault of males is rare.
Fact: Males and females are both vulnerable to sexual assault. Males are less likely to report or talk about sexual assault.

Who to Call for Help

UNT Dean of Students Office
940/565.2648

UNT Counseling Center
940/565.2741

UNT Police Department
940/565.3000

Denton Police Department
940/349.8181

Sexual Trauma and Assault Response Services (STARS)
915/533.7700 or 915/779.1800 (24-hour hotline)