Student Resource and Reporting Options for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence

If you have been sexually assaulted, do the following:

GET TO A SAFE PLACE
If you are in fear for your safety call 9-1-1

GET MEDICAL ATTENTION
To assess and treat physical injuries and to collect evidence of the assault.

SEEK EMOTIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT
Don’t try to deal with the situation alone.

TELL SOMEONE
Consider reporting the incident to the police, Campus Safety, VP of Student Services or to the District Title IX Officer (714-480-7489)

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Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault

Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault are unacceptable and will not be tolerated at R3CCD. These acts include a range of sexual offenses that have been initiated without obtaining consent or with the purpose or effect of threatening or coercing someone into sexual activity.

Sexual misconduct is the commission of an unwanted sexual act, whether by an acquaintance or by a stranger, that occurs without indication of consent. Sexual assault is the actual, attempted or threatened unwanted sexual act, whether by an acquaintance or by a stranger, accomplished

1. Against a person’s will by means of force (express or implied), violence, duress, menace, fear or fraud, or
2. When a person is incapacitated or unaware of the nature of the act, due to unconsciousness, sleep and/or intoxicating substances.

**MUST BE AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT**

“Affirmative consent” means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity and it must be given without coercion, force, threats, or intimidation.

It is the responsibility of each person involved in the sexual activity to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of the other or others to engage in the sexual activity. Lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent. Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time. The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent.

Consent cannot be given when a person is asleep or unconscious, or when a person is incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication, to the extent that they cannot understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual activity, or if a person is unable to communicate due to a mental or physical condition.

**REPORTING**

Making a report means telling someone in authority what happened—in person, by telephone, in writing or by email. At the time a report is made, a Complainant does not have to decide whether or not to request any particular course of action, nor does a Complainant need to know how to label what happened.

Choosing to make a report, and deciding how to proceed after making the report, can be a process that unfolds over time. The College provides support that can assist each individual in making these important decisions, and to the extent legally possible will respect an individual’s autonomy in deciding how to proceed. In this process, the College will balance the individual’s interest with its obligation to provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment for all members of the campus community.

If you would like to speak to someone on-campus confidentially, go to the Student Health Center and ask to speak to a Psychologist.

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**What to do if You are a Victim**

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU’VE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED**

- Go to a safe place. If you are in fear of your safety, call the police (911) immediately, especially if the assailant is still nearby. For an assault on campus, call Campus Safety at 714-564-6330.
- Seek emotional care and support. Don’t try to deal with this situation alone. Call a friend, family member, or someone whom you feel you can talk to. The Rape Crisis Hotline is available 24 hours a day at 714-957-2737.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible to assess and treat physical injuries you may have sustained and to collect evidence of the assault. Help preserve evidence. You do not have to decide immediately whether or not you want to pursue a criminal complaint. Collecting evidence immediately following an assault will be helpful if you decide to press charges later.
- Consider reporting the assault to the campus Title IX Officer and/or to the police. Telling the police does not commit you to further legal action.

**CRISIS SUPPORT AND COUNSELING**

Whether you are seeking support immediately after an assault or sometime later, there are several services available to you. The Student Health Center provides mental health care via short term counseling. The Health Center can also assist students with medical care. Additionally, the Rape Crisis Hotlines provide crisis intervention services 24 hours a day. For contact information, please see “Campus and Community Resources.”

**REPORTING THE CRIME**

If you are a survivor of sexual assault, you have the choice to report the crime to local law enforcement, Campus Safety, the Vice President of Student Services, and/or the district’s Title IX Officer.

Reporting to the local Police Department: This option allows students to report the assault and, possibly, initiate a criminal investigation.

Reporting on Campus: Formal complaints of violations of the District’s Sexual Misconduct Policy are filed through the Vice President of Student Services or the Vice President of Continuing Education. If the incident happened on campus, you may also contact Campus Safety or the Student Health Center. The District can take interim actions, if needed, which can include, shielding a student from ongoing contact with an individual, taking that individual out of a class or issuing an administrative no-contact order, or assigning an individual to a different class.

**MEDICAL EXAM**

Students are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention and support regardless of when the incident occurred to be treated for any injuries, given prophylactic antibiotics, and offered emergency contraceptives.

In Orange County, sexual assault exams are conducted at Anaheim Regional Medical Center. A police officer is required to authorize the exam.

Physical evidence from a sexual assault must be collected within 96 hours of assault. It is important that you do not wash yourself or your clothing before an examination. Please Note: You do not have to press charges to have a sexual assault examination completed. The state may hold the evidence for a certain number of days while you decide if you would like to make a formal report to the Police Department (check with your local police for length of time).