

75% of male students and 55% of female students involved in date rape had been drunk or using drugs

84% of the women who were raped knew their assailants. Rapes by someone the victim knew are the least likely to be

1 out of 4 women and 1 out of 6 men are sexually assaulted at some point

Women aged 16-24 are 4 times at a higher risk of being raped than any other population group.

1 in 8 college women is a victim of rape during her college years. 1 in 4 is a victim of attempted rape. 95% of these victims did not report the rape to officials.

**\*Citations:**

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## What is Consent?

- A voluntary, sober, wanted, informed, mutual, honest, and verbal agreement
- Consent cannot be coerced
- Never implied and cannot be assumed, even in the context of a relationship.

## Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct Policy at SHU

Sexual assault encompasses rape in all forms. Date rape or acquaintance rape is no less criminal than rape by a stranger. Sexual contact involves intentional touching of the victim's or attacker's intimate body parts, even through clothing, for the purpose of degrading or humiliating the victim or for the attacker's gratification. Copies of the New Jersey statutes that include the legal definition of these crimes are available in the Student Handbook, which can be accessed online at:

<http://www.shu.edu/offices/policies-procedures/misconduct-policy.cfm>



## Education is the Key to Prevention



**HELPLINE: 877-655-7278**

The Sexual Assault & Violence Education team is identified as a group of selected students, staff, and faculty who have attended a training program with the Essex County Rape Care Center.

### SAVE Peer Educator's Role

- ◇ To provide SAVE presentations to campus community groups upon request.
- ◇ To organize programs on issues related to Sexual Assault and Violence prevention.
- ◇ Will answer the HELPLINE 1(877)655 7278 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ◇ Will provide a supportive ear to callers as well as concrete information on a variety of issues including survivors' rights and procedures for reporting the incident.
- ◇ Will maintain a survivor centered approach
- ◇ Callers will be guided through the process of understanding and assessing their options to make their own decision.

If you are injured, or in an emergency, call 911 or the South Orange Police at (973) 763-3000. The Seton Hall University Department of Public Safety can be contacted at (973) 761-9300.

## Myths & Facts

*Myth: Most rapes occur when women are out alone at night. Most rapes are committed by strangers*

*Fact: Statistics indicate that 75-80% of rapists are known to their victims*

*Myth: "Good" girls don't get raped*

*Fact: Rapists attack women of all races, all ages, all social backgrounds*

*Myth: Women frequently cry "rape"*

*There is a high rate of false reporting*

*Fact: FBI statistics show that only 2% of rape reports are false, which is no more than false reports of other felonies*

*Myth: Women precipitate rape; they ask for it*

*Fact: Rape is an attack in which the victim's life is controlled by the attacker. NO person asks for or deserves such an assault*

*Myth: Women owe men sex under some circumstance*

*Fact: Sex is not a commodity to be bought and sold, nor is there any ownership of another's sexuality*

## Get Help Now

If you have been sexually assaulted . . .  
. Get to a Safe Place!

### DON'T:

- ◇ Bathe
- ◇ Shower
- ◇ Douche
- ◇ Change clothes
- ◇ Urinate
- ◇ Brush your teeth or gargle
- ◇ Eat, drink or smoke

You could be washing away evidence.

### DO:

Call the Helpline at **877-655-7278**  
any time to learn about your options.  
Get medical attention.  
We're Here to Help!

## Essex County Rape Care Center

The Essex County Rape Care Center is the designated rape care center for Essex County. The Center has two goals: 1. To provide direct services to survivors of sexual violence and their families; 2. to work to prevent sexual violence. You can call the Rape Care Hotline at **1-877-733-CARE (2273)** any time, day or night, to learn about your options.