

CSUN Facts

- The real number of sexual assaults against women on college campuses is unknown as victims rarely report the crime to authorities. Between 2009-2012 the Department of Police Services received a total of 28 reported incidents of rape and sexual assault/battery. Given those reports the Department of Police Services has comprised the follow facts:
- 9 reports of rape occurred off-campus
- 7 reports of rape occurred on campus. Of those incidents 4 occurred in the University Park Apartments (on campus housing).
- All but one of the victims knew their assailant and had a friendship, relationship or mutual friends in common with the suspect (on and off-campus rapes).
- Between 2009 and 2012 the Department of Police Services received 12 reports of sexual assault/sexual battery. Of those incidents only 1 occurred off campus.

Nationwide Facts

- There is an average of 207,754 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault each year.
- 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.
- About 3% of American men - or 1 in 33, have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.
- 54% of sexual assaults are not reported to police.
- Approximately 2/3 of rapes were committed by someone known to the victim.
- 38% of rapists are a friend or acquaintance.

What Is Rape & Sexual Assault?

The legal definition of rape and sexual assault varies from state to state, California law defines rape as "an act of penile/vaginal intercourse accomplished with a person, not the spouse of the perpetrator, and without the consent of the person." Rape may also include situations in which penetration is accomplished when the victim is unable to give consent, or is prevented from resisting, due to being intoxicated, drugged, unconscious or asleep. The crime of rape is classified as a felony.

The legal definition according to California law defines sexual battery as, "the act of touching another person's intimate parts for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification, or abuse, against the will of the person." Intimate parts (private parts) refer to the sexual organs of any person and the breast of a female.

CSUN Facts are based on the incidents reported to the University Police. Nationwide facts provided by RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, www.rainn.org).

On-Campus Resources

Department of Police Services

Emergency: 911 (from a campus phone)
Non emergency: (818) 677-2111
www-admn.csun.edu/police
www-admn.csun.edu/police/assault

CSUN Police Rape Crisis Advocate (818) 677-7922

University Counseling Services

(818) 677-2366 / www.csun.edu/counseling

Klotz Student Health Center

(818) 677-3666 / (818) 677-3692 (TTY)
www.csun.edu/shc

Matador Patrol Personal Safety Escort Service

(818) 677-5048/5042 (M-Th, dusk- 11 p.m.)
(x5048 or 5042 from any on-campus phone)
CA Relay for deaf & hard of hearing

Title IX Coordinator/Equity & Diversity

(818) 677-2077 / www-admn.csun.edu/eqtydiv

Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

(818) 677-2391 / www.csun.edu/studentaffairs

PACT5 Student Documentaries <http://pact5.org>

Off-Campus Resources

Valley Trauma Center – 24 Hour Advocate Hotline

San Fernando Valley: (818) 886-0453
Santa Clarita: (661) 253-0258 (V/TTY)
www.csun.edu/vtc

Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center

(310) 319-4000 (ext. 0)
www.rapetreatmentcenter.org

Peace Over Violence - Rape & Battery Hotline

(213) 626-3393 / (310) 392-8381 / (626) 793-3385
www.peaceoverviolence.org

Center for the Pacific Asian Family

(800) 339-3940
www.nurturingchange.org

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Rape & sexual assault

Anyone can be a victim.

"I have the right to stop"



"No means NO!"



"Against her will is against the law"

"It can happen to you"



No one deserves to be sexually assaulted. No one.

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Know Your Rights!

- You have the right to feel safe.
- You have the right to say NO and not feel guilty.
- You have the right to a relationship with someone who respects your wishes and boundaries.
- You have the right to be assertive and direct with someone sexually pressuring you.
- You have the right to change your mind. If you are not sure what you want, it's ok to STOP and think about it.
- You have the right to be in a relationship free of violence and abuse.
- You have the right to be heard.
- You have the right to make a confidential police report. Your name can remain confidential as a matter of public record.
- You have the right to remain anonymous. Victims or witnesses may report sexual assaults to the University Police Department on a voluntary, anonymous and confidential basis as provided by California law. The "Anonymous Sexual Assault Report" form is available at the CSUN Police web site. Filing this form will NOT result in an investigation. The CSUN Police Department will only utilize the report for the compilation of statistical records for assaults that occur on the CSUN campus.

Friends & Family

- Remain calm and nurturing.
- Listen.
- Believe what you are being told.
- Don't pass judgment; don't comment on what you would have done differently.
- Don't blame the victim.
- Don't reveal any information to other people.
- Be supportive of decisions made by the victim.
- Encourage the victim to get psychological and legal assistance.
- Seek professional counseling for yourself if you are affected by the incident.

What to do if this happens to you

1. Get to a safe place and call 911
2. Do not bathe, douche, or change your clothes if you have been raped or sodomized.
3. Contact someone for help and support. The University Counseling Services offers urgent care walk-in appointments. The Valley Trauma Center also provides counseling services and a 24-hour support line.

The Department of Police Services and The Valley Trauma Center in partnership provide 24-hour rape crisis advocates during police reporting, interviews and SART exams to victims free of charge.
4. Go to a hospital for medical care. You will be given a physical exam, baseline tests for sexually transmitted diseases and antibiotics to prevent bacterial STDs. You may also request Plan B to protect against pregnancy. Even if several days have gone by since the assault, it is still important to get medical care.

Medical professionals are required to notify the police whenever they treat a rape victim but the decision to make a formal police report is still yours.

5. If you decide not to go to the police immediately, write down all the details of the assault and save them in case you wish to report the assault to police at a later time.
6. Seek counseling, information, and legal assistance from a rape treatment center.
7. Take advantage of the resources provided to you in this brochure.

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Your Choice

The decision to report a sexual assault is YOUR CHOICE. Making decisions and regaining control are important aspects of healing after an assault. Whether your assailant was a first date, classmate or stranger, the choice of what to do is up to you.

Reporting the assault is a way of regaining your sense of personal power and control. It assists you in doing something about the assault committed against you. By reporting the incident you will be helping others who may have been victimized.

California State University, Northridge has made a commitment to assist you in the process of physical and psychological healing. This includes taking on campus action against your assailant and making referrals for legal or other types of assistance for victims. Please discuss your options with CSUN's Title IX Coordinator, a counselor at the University Counseling Services, Valley Trauma Center, University Police or other resource listed in this brochure.

Reluctance to Report

Sexual assault victims may be hesitant to report an assault to the police for many reasons. A victim may be afraid no one will believe them, or that they will be blamed for the assault. They might feel embarrassed or that it's too personal to share with strangers. Some victims believe they will bring shame to their families and never report the incident. This is why the University Police offers a Rape Crisis Advocate to help you talk about these issues and decide what the best course of action is for you.

Cal State Northridge encourages all victims and survivors to report incidents of sexual violence which includes sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.