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## Protection and Prevention

- The federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) put new campus obligations in place
- VAWA protects people of *all* genders!
- Our institution strictly prohibits the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking -- the four main categories covered under VAWA

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## Definitions

VAWA covers four main categories...

1. **Sexual Assault.** Includes rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape.
2. **Dating Violence.** Committed by a person who is or has been in a romantic/intimate relationship with you.

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## Definitions (continued)

- 3. Domestic Violence.** Committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner; a person with whom you share a child; or a person against an adult/youth victim who is protected from that person's acts.
- 4. Stalking.** This happens when someone engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes that person to fear for his/her safety or the safety of others. Stalking also causes substantial emotional distress.

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## Consent

- Crimes of sexual and relationship violence take place without someone's consent.
- **Consent** is the affirmative, unambiguous and voluntary agreement to engage in a specific sexual activity during a sexual encounter.

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## What to Expect from Us

We're here to *fully* support you...

- **Support.** Expect a prompt, fair and impartial investigation, including help receiving counseling and medical assistance. We'll also offer protective measures to help you feel safer.
- **Reporting.** Trained CSAs are here to listen and take reports, plus guide you to resources & help file criminal complaint -- if YOU choose to do so.

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## What to Expect from Us (continued)

- **Campus Disciplinary Proceedings.** A fair, impartial campus process will be held within a reasonable timeframe. Both parties can have an advisor of their choice present.
- **Support for Respondents.** Those accused of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking can find counseling and other supports. Ask if unsure where to go.



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## Risk Reduction

There are many preventive measures to protect yourself from the risk of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, including...

- Trust your instincts
- Say “No” clearly and firmly
- Be “situationally aware”
- Look out for your friends and ask that they look out for you, too
- Respect a friend who challenges you if you’re about to make a poor decision
- And more

## **Reducing Risk of Being Aggressor**

To reduce the risk of perpetrating a crime of sexual or relationship violence...

- Listen to your partner
- Clearly communicate your intentions
- Only proceed with sexual activity if there is clear consent
- Respect your partner and his/her personal boundaries
- Watch alcohol/other drug intake
- Don't take advantage of someone drunk or drugged
- And more

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## Bystander Intervention

Bystanders can intervene safely and simply, often flipping the switch to change the outcome if an incident of sexual or relationship violence is about to occur, by...

- Providing a distraction
- Getting help
- Reminding potential perpetrators that incapacitated people can't give consent
- Helping to remove someone from a dangerous situation
- And more

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## Providing a Distraction

To interrupt a potentially dangerous interaction, you can do things like...

- Call your friend's cell repeatedly
- Interrupt the conversation
- Spill something on purpose
- Tell a potential perpetrator, "Your car is being towed!"
- Turn off the music
- Ask where the bathroom is
- Matter-of-factly pull your friend away, saying "We need to leave" -- and then go

## **Being a Proactive Bystander**

There are multiple ways to help prevent sexual and relationship violence before it gets to the dangerous level...

- Treat people with respect
- Speak up when you hear victim-blaming statements
- Encourage friends to trust their instincts to stay safe
- Talk with friends about confronting sexual and relationship violence
- Look out for your friends at parties and bars
- Don't laugh at sexist jokes or comments
- Be a knowledgeable, supportive resource for survivors