

Seeking Help for Sexual Assault on Purdue University's Campus

A student who thinks or knows that he/she is a victim of **SEXUAL ASSAULT** or **RAPE** can decide to seek help from any of the following:

Medical Services

Purdue Student Health Center (PUSH)

Urgent Care*
(765) 494-1724

Hours**:
Weekdays
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Weekends
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Local Emergency Rooms

Home Hospital
(765) 449-5077
2400 South Street
Lafayette

St. Elizabeth Hospital
(765) 423-6271
1501 Hartford Street
Lafayette

Law Enforcement

Call 911
for emergency assistance

Purdue Police
(765) 494-8221

Local Police

West Lafayette
(765) 775-5200

Lafayette
(765) 476-4045

Tippecanoe County Sheriff
(765) 423-9321

Counseling & Advocacy Services

Purdue Office of the Dean of Students
Schleman Hall
(765) 494-1254

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) @ PUSH or
Psychological Sciences Building
(765) 494-6995

Lafayette Crisis Center
Rape Survivor Advocates
1244 North 15th Street
(765) 742-0244
(Free 24-hour service)

Could It Be



Sexual Assault?

*Emergency contraception available

**Summer & semester break hours - 8 am-5 pm, Monday - Friday

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*Sex is intended to be “consensual.”
That means that both individuals
CLEARLY agree to participate in the
behavior.*

“**Sexual assault**” means that you’ve been touched sexually or experienced a form of sexual penetration, against your will.

Most sexual assault occurs between people who know each other. This may include what’s commonly referred to as “date rape” or “acquaintance rape.”

Sexual assault can occur between people of the same gender.

Was I Assaulted?

Some individuals question whether they’ve been assaulted because they were not consciously aware during the assault. This can happen when a person is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Typical signs that a person has been assaulted while under the influence include: being surprised that you are in a certain place or with a certain person; finding your clothing removed or other physical clues (semen, pelvic or anal pain/injury, vaginal bleeding, etc.).

Emotions

Being assaulted by a stranger or someone you know can cause serious emotional turmoil. Even an attempted assault can leave a person confused and anxious.

Survivors of sexual assault often experience emotional and physical responses.

- Initially, a survivor may feel shock, disbelief, anger, shame, or fear.
- Some have difficulty sleeping and experience flashbacks.
- Later, the survivor may feel that things are getting back to normal and deny the impact of the assault.
- Feelings of depression, alienation, moodiness, and numbness may cause a survivor to seek counseling help.

You’re Not at Fault!!

Individuals who have been assaulted often blame themselves. However, it is faulty thinking to believe that you can be responsible for and control the actions of others.

- Taking sexual advantage of someone who is impaired by alcohol or other drugs is never right.
- The clothing you wear and the way you act never justify an act of sexual assault.

Help Is Available

Whether a person knows or thinks she/he was sexually assaulted, it is wise to seek help.

- Help may come from friends and family.
- Professional help can be found on campus and in the community.
- Regardless of whether or not a person chooses to report an assault to the police, the individual should go to a health care facility immediately.
- A health care facility can provide treatment of external and/or internal injuries, tests for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, emergency contraception and support services.

*See the opposite side of this
brochure for offices and
organizations that can assist
Purdue students who are
survivors of sexual assault.*