



What to do when you or a friend has been sexually assaulted.

1. Get to a safe place as soon as possible.
2. Contact someone to assist and advocate for you.
 - The **ONLY** people on campus who will keep your report completely confidential are counselors, nurses, doctors, nurse practitioners and other Wellness Center staff.
 - On weekdays during business hours, call Counseling & Psychological Services at 256-4333, and a counselor will respond immediately to assist you.
 - Evenings and weekends, call Rowan Public Safety at 256-4911, and ask to speak with the Counselor on Call. You will be asked to provide your name, phone number, and location, and a counselor will respond shortly to assist you.
3. Preserve all physical evidence of the assault.
 - Do **NOT** shower, bathe, douche, or brush your teeth.
 - Save all of the clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault.
4. Go to a hospital emergency department for a medical forensic exam as soon as possible. A forensic nurse will conduct the exam and a confidential advocate, with knowledge of the complete process and available resources, will be present with you throughout the process and beyond.
 - Going to the hospital allows for treatment of any resulting injuries caused by the assault.
 - It allows you to receive preventive treatment for unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Medications and treatments will be provided free of charge up to 5 days from the incident.
 - Going to the hospital allows for collection of potential evidence for possible later prosecution. This evidence can be preserved for a minimum of 5 years without immediate decision to press charges.
 - Immediately after a sexual assault, some individuals are unsure if they want to prosecute. However, survivors often reconsider and later wish to pursue legal action. The evidence collected during a medical forensic exam can later help successfully convict the assailant.
 - The following local hospitals have a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) which includes a forensic nurse, a confidential advocate and law enforcement if you so wish. The following hospitals provide comprehensive care to victims of sexual assault:
 - **Kennedy Hospital**, 435 Hurfville-Crosskeys Rd, Washington Township, 582-2500
 - **Inspira Medical Center Woodbury**, 509 N. Broad St., Woodbury, 856-853-2001
 - Students needing transport to a hospital Emergency Room should contact Rowan Public Safety at 256-4911.
5. If you want to report the assault, notify the police or Rowan Public Safety.
 - On campus - Rowan Public Safety - 256-4911
 - Off campus - Glassboro Police Department - 881-1500 or 911.
 - Filing a report with the police does not oblige you to press charges or pursue legal action.
 - You are encouraged to report the details of the assault even if you choose not to prosecute.
 - The information you provide about your assailant may be helpful in apprehending a suspect so another victim can prosecute.
6. Talk with a counselor who is trained to assist victims of sexual assault.
 - Rowan Counseling and Psychological Services provides confidential counseling free of charge to currently enrolled Rowan University students.
 - CPS staff will work as advocates and aid students in connecting to both on- and off-campus resources.
 - Services Empowering Rape Victims (SERV) provides 24-hour, free and confidential counseling at 1-866-295 SERV.