

CAMPUS RESOURCES

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WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

The term sexual assault refers to sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the victim.

The definition of sexual assault in the Texas Penal Code includes:

- Intercourse and penetration without consent
- Sexual abuse of someone who cannot give consent due to disability or mental capacity
- Intercourse, penetration, or sexual contact with a minor

SMU seeks to provide a supportive environment for anyone to come forward to report sexual assault and obtain help. All campus community members should be aware that sexual assault can happen to anyone and that sexual assault is not the victim's fault.

SMU and community resources are available to help, including SMU Police, SMU Counseling Services, the Office of Student Advocacy and Support, and the SMU Title IX Coordinator.

It is critical that anyone who has experienced sexual assault finds safety and seeks medical attention immediately. Survivors are encouraged to report a sexual assault to police as soon as possible; call 911 or SMU Police at 214-768-3333.

IF YOU'VE BEEN ASSAULTED:

Consider your immediate safety: Call 911 if you feel you are in danger.

Seek medical care: You can get treatment for injuries from a clinic, doctor's office, or hospital emergency department. In addition, you can seek medical care without reporting what happened to law enforcement.

Consider getting a sexual assault examination: This preserves potential DNA evidence. If you decide you want to proceed with official charges, this kit will be invaluable.

Write down what you remember: If you decide to report the assault, this information may be helpful to you and police officers.

Find mental health support. Your local crisis center can connect you with professionals skilled in this area of support.

Figure out your next steps. A sexual assault

you may have. They can also connect you with necessary resources, including legal and medical

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Sexual assault survivors have the right to a is reported to a law enforcement agency within 120 hours of the assault.

Survivors of sexual assault can use a pseudonym their

Know that it is never too late to call. The statute s in Texas is 10

Survivors have the right to choose whether to report a crime to law enforcement, to be assisted decline to report a crime to law enforcement.

a crime report, which may be made before or room. You must be truthful in any law enforcement