

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

One in four college women will be victims of sexual violence. Men, the elderly, and children are also victims.

Prevention is not a single event by a single “hero;” we all have the opportunity to intervene BEFORE someone is harmed. There are many ways and opportunities to take action; there is no one right way. Do not wait for others to act or no one will.

Recognize signs of potentially dangerous situations: an extremely intoxicated individual, unwanted touching, attempts to isolate, and pressuring someone to drink.

- Ask questions.
 - Do you need help?
 - Are you OK?
 - Can I call someone for you?
- Determine if others are sober enough to make a safe decision, if not—step in.
- Draw the attention of others; get help to intervene.
- Interrupt actions with distractions.
- If you can’t intervene safely, call someone who can.

People who remain silent allow the violence to continue.

For more information contact Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Services of Student Counseling Services at (309) 438-3655.

“In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.



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