Sexual Violence in Higher Education

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Today’s Session

• Relevant Terminology
• OSU Policies and Procedures
• Facts and Stats
• A Survivor’s Story
• Resources
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Terminology
Any sexual act against another’s will

- Any activity without consent or through coercion
- Rape or attempted rape
- Unwanted rough/violent activity
- Keeping someone from protecting themselves from pregnancy/STIs
- Sexual contact with a very drunk, drugged or unconscious person
Deliberate or repeated language, behavior, or visual display that causes fear, anxiety, shame, embarrassment

Examples

• Sexually explicit statements, questions, jokes, anecdotes via any means of communication (oral, written, electronic, etc.)
• Inappropriate references to gender
• Unwanted touching, patting, hugging, brushing against, staring
• Inquiries or commentaries about sexual activity, experience, orientation
• Display of inappropriate or sexually oriented material in locations where others can view
When a person repeatedly behaves in a way that invades another’s life, causes mental distress and/or fear harm

Examples

- Following or spying
- Unannounced visits or calls
- Leaving unwanted items, gifts, flowers, etc.
- Damaging property
- Psychological aggression and coercion/attemping to scare
- Threatening physical harm to victim, victim’s friends/family/pets or themselves
Pattern of controlling behavior with a current or former partner

Examples

- Coercion & Threats
- Intimidation
- Economic Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Male Privilege
- Isolation
- Minimizing, Denying, Blaming

Intimate Partner Violence
Sexual Consent

The act of knowingly, actively and voluntarily agreeing explicitly to engage in sexual activity. Consent must be freely given and can be withdrawn at any time. Consent can never be implied.
OSU Policies and Procedures

- Sexual Misconduct Policy | go.osu.edu/sm-policy
- Title IX Website | titleix.osu.edu
- Sexual Violence Response Guidelines | go.osu.edu/svrg
- Survivor Rights Guarantee | go.osu.edu/dps-sexualassault
  - Will meet privately at place of choice
  - Will connect with available resources (medical, counseling, safety, etc.)
  - Will fully investigate case, providing up-to-date progress
  - Will consider all cases seriously
  - Will not release name during investigation
  - Will not pre-judge or blame
Facts and Stats

1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime¹

1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted during college²

While the majority of offenders are male, only 6% of men perpetrate 98% of rape³

In 90% of assaults, the survivor and offender know each other⁴

Facts and Stats

84% of survivors report no weapon being used

Alcohol is the number one drug used to facilitate rape

Up to 85% of all sexual assaults involve alcohol

Estimates for the percentage of false reports is 2-8%...the same as all major crimes.


2 American College Health Association: Shifting the Paradigm: Primary Prevention of Sexual Assault, 2008.

3 RAINN.org

Causes of Rape

- Slutty Clothes
- Alcohol
- Television
- Minorities
- Weather
- Rapists
Thank You!

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