

**If you are assaulted...**

Your primary concern should be your safety. No one can tell you whether you should fight back or submit. **IT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE SITUATION.**

Keep assessing the situation. If you decide to fight back, and one strategy doesn't work, try another. Possible options include: negotiating, stalling for time, distracting the assailant, fleeing to a safe place, yelling "NO!" to attract attention, and fighting back.

**If you are the victim of a sexual assault...**

- Go to a safe place.
- If you are injured, seek medical attention. Even if you cannot see any visible injuries, you may be suffering from internal injuries.
- Call your local law enforcement agency, a rape crisis center, a friend, or a relative.
- Do not bathe or shower, douche, change clothes, or wash any bedding.
- Remember, you are the victim. You have nothing to feel guilty or ashamed about.

**Reporting procedures:**

You can come into the CSU, Chico Police Department to make a report, or the Dispatcher can send an officer to your location. The officer will ask you some general questions about the sexual assault, and collect evidence. As part of the follow-up investigation, a police investigator will be assigned to work the case and to collect additional evidence and complete statements.

**Prevention:**

- Your best defense against sexual assault is a good offense. Avoid risky situations, and listen to that "little voice" that warns you when something is wrong with a situation.
- For more safety tips, check out the CSU, Chico Police Department's online safety PowerPoints — "Rape Drugs" and "Safety on Campus", or attend the CSU, Chico Police Department's R.A.D. (women's self-defense) program.

- PLEASE REPORT ALL **SEXUAL ASSAULTS!**
- REMEMBER: **RAPE IS NEVER THE VICTIM'S FAULT!**



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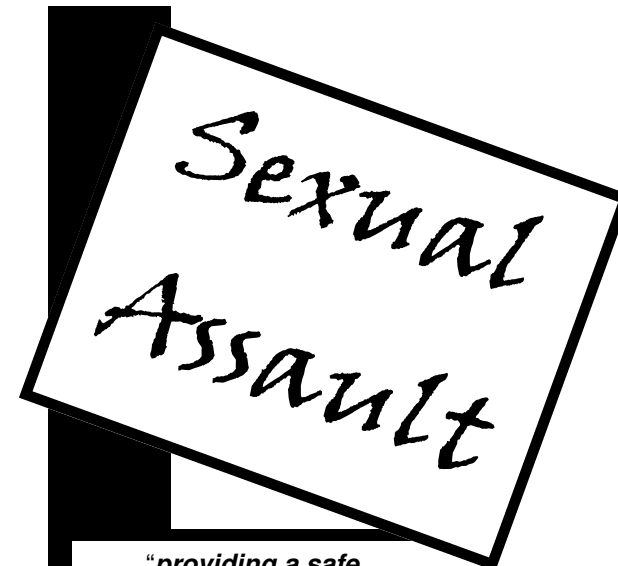
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**Rape is defined by Penal Code §261 as an act of unwanted sexual intercourse, involving sexual penetration, however slight, by the penis of a male into the vagina of a female, when the female is not the spouse of the suspect, under any of the following circumstances:**

- When the victim is incapable of giving legal consent because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, and the suspect knew, or should have known, the condition existed.
- Where the sexual intercourse is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person.
- When the victim is prevented from resisting because she is under the influence of any intoxicating, anesthetizing, or controlled substance, and the suspect knew, or should have known, she was unable to resist.
- When the victim is unconscious, asleep, or otherwise unaware of the nature of the act, and her condition is known to the suspect.

**MYTH: "THE USUAL SUSPECT" IS THE BUSHY-HAIRED STRANGER HIDING IN THE BUSHES.**

#### **Acquaintance Rape**

- Over **80%** of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

#### **Spousal Rape**

- Spousal rape is defined as an act of sexual intercourse accomplished against the will of the other spouse by means of force or fear of immediate bodily injury on the spouse or another person. (Penal Code §262(a))
- A current or prior dating or marital relationship is not legally sufficient to prove the victim consented to sexual intercourse.

#### **Know the facts about rape:**

**MYTH: RAPE IS A CRIME OF PASSION.**

- Rape is not a crime of passion; it is a crime of violence, power, and control.

**MYTH: RAPISTS ONLY TARGET YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE FEMALES.**

- Any woman can potentially be the victim of rape, regardless of her age, race, ethnicity, appearance, occupation, or socioeconomic status. Students, working women, wives, mothers, children, and even grandmothers have been victims of rape.

**MYTH: RAPES ONLY OCCUR IN DARK PARKING GARAGES AT NIGHT.**

- Rape can occur anywhere, at any time, in public or in a private residence, during the day or at night.

**MYTH: POLICE OFFICERS WILL BLAME THE VICTIM IF SHE HAS BEEN DRINKING ALCOHOL, SO SHE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL SHE IS SOBER TO FILE A REPORT.**

- All sexual assaults should be reported as soon as possible to law enforcement. If a victim waits to file a report, precious time and evidence can be lost.

**FACTS:**

- **Rape is one of the most underreported crimes, especially among college-aged females.**
- **Most rapists will keep re-offending until they are caught!**

#### **Medical considerations:**

- You do not have to file a police report to receive medical attention.
- However, because they are considered "mandated reporters," medical personnel in California who treat a victim of a violent crime are required to notify police, in writing or by telephone, of the name and address of the victim, the type of assault, the nature and extent of any injury, and the identity of the suspect, if known.
- The doctors may want to take photographs of your injuries as evidence.

#### **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO . . .**

- **Be treated with respect.**
- **Remain confidential.**  
Per 293(a) PC, you can keep your name from becoming public record.
- **Have the Rape Crisis Center notified if you choose to participate in a medical/evidentiary examination.**
- **Have a support person or Rape Crisis advocate with you for any interviews or medical/evidentiary examinations.**
- **Decide whether you wish to pursue criminal prosecution of the suspect.**
- **Ask for clarification if you don't understand why you are being asked to sign a specific release, consent form, etc.**  
—You will be asked to sign a medical records release form, an evidence release form, and possibly other releases (as the situation dictates).  
—These forms help the investigators complete their reports as quickly and thoroughly as possible.