

# Sexual Assault



## Myths & Facts

**Myth:** Rape is a sexual crime.  
**Fact:** Sexual Assault is a violent assault acted out in a sexual way. It violates not only the victims bodies, but their integrity, safety and right to control their lives.

**Myth:** Rapists are creepy-looking men who hang out in dark alleys.

**Fact:** In 75% of sexual assaults, the attacker is someone victim knows, including a friend, spouse or relative.

**Myth:** If people stay inside after dark, they are safe from sexual assault.

**Fact:** About 75% of sexual assaults occur at home or in a vehicle.

**Myth:** Sexual assault of males is rare.

**Fact:** Males and females are both vulnerable to sexual assault. Males are less likely to report or talk about sexual assault.

### What is Sexual Assault?

- A crime of violence where sex is the means of assault.
- Any forced, unwanted and nonconsensual contact or activity, including touching, kissing, exhibitionism and intercourse.
- A brutally destructive attack on the victim's sense of personal integrity and competence

### Who are the Victims of Sexual Assault?

- Anyone, regardless of sex, race, class, religion, occupation or physical appearance
- Most reported sexual assaults occur to women between the ages of 14 and 25.

### Where does Sexual Assault take place?

About 75 percent of sexual assaults occur at home or in a vehicle, and the attacker is most likely someone the victim knows.

### What are the effects experienced by victims of Sexual Assault?

- A state that resembles acute grief because of severe psychological loss.
- The loss of confidence, wholeness, strength, trust and self-control
- Feelings of powerlessness.

### Staying Safe on Campus

- Always let people know where you are and where you are going.
- Know where emergency phones are located.
- If you have a cell phone, have it easily accessible at all times.
- Use campus security escorts or arrange to walk with friends.
- Call police to report suspicious activity or suspicious people.

### If you or someone you know has been Assaulted:

- Seek medical attention at a hospital as a soon as possible.
- Report the assault to UNT PD or DOS.
- Look for safety and support.
- Call as trusted friend.
- Call the rape crisis hotline.
- Talk to a university counselor who can help you deal with your feelings and help you heal emotionally.

## Who to Call for Help

### UNT Dean of Students Office

940/565.2648

### UNT Counseling Center

940/565.2741

### UNT Police Department

940/565.3000

### Denton Police Department

940/349.8181

### Sexual Trauma and Assault Response Services (STARS)

915/533.7700 or

915/779.1800 (24-hour hotline)