What are some PREVENTION STEPS?

FACT: The majority of sexual violence occurs when one or both parties involved have been consuming alcohol.

- Avoid alcohol and drug use
- If you have a drink, never leave it unattended

FACT: The majority of sexual violence is committed by someone you know.

- Be mindful of your surroundings at all times
- Trust your instincts; if you feel unsafe, don't downplay danger: Act!

FACT: Consent is misidentified in many cases of sexual violence.

- Be clear when you communicate with your partner
- No means No and the lack of saying "No" does not mean "Yes"
- What you wear is NOT consent for sexual activity
- Previous sexual activity is NOT consent for sexual activity at another time
- When someone is drunk, chemically impaired or passed out, they CANNOT give consent for sexual activity

Reporting an INCIDENT

Sexual crimes often go unreported. Co-Lin encourages any student that feels they may be a victim of sexual harassment or violence to know they may take any of the following steps:

1. Enrollment Services: to obtain confidential assistance or referral to behavioral health services.

2. Student Services: to seek college disciplinary action through an investigation by the college judicial system.

Email: student.services@colin.edu Wesson: 601-643-8464 Natchez: 601-446-1224 Simpson: 601-849-0123

3. Title IX Coordinator: to file a Title IX complaint with the Title IX Coordinator. All campuses: compliance@colin.edu; 601-643-8411; 1001 Co-Lin Lane Wesson, MS 39191

4. Law Enforcement: to seek a criminal investigation through Campus Police or local law enforcement.

Wesson: Campus Police (601-643-8351) Natchez: Campus Police (601-597-0330)

Simpson: Campus Police (601-849-0145)

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STOP

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC & DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING



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What is SEXUAL HARASSMENT?

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

- Words or actions that create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment
- Verbal or written (including electronic) harassment or abuse
- Pressure for sexual activity
- Unwelcome touching
- Repeated remarks with sexual or demeaning implications
- Sexual jokes, posters, etc.
- Suggesting or demanding sexual involvement

To file a complaint against an employee, Contact:

HUMAN RESOURCES human.resources@colin.edu 601-643-8308

To file a complaint against a student:

*See back of brochure for all your options.

What are the **DEFINITIONS**?

Sexual Assault: an assault that is sexual in nature including a sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; without consent as well as incest or statutory rape.

Domestic Violence: a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim.

Dating Violence: violence committed by a person who is or has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim.

Stalking: engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his/ her safety or safety of others or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

1 in 5 women and 6% of men are victims of attempted or completed sexual assault.

If you or someone you know is sexually assaulted:

- Get that individual to a place of safety
 - Contact Campus Police or 911

• To preserve evidence, Police suggest refraining from washing, using the toilet or changing clothes prior to a legal/medical exam.

1. CHRISTOPHER P. KREBS ET AL., THE CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSUALT STUDY FINAL REPORT xiii, 5-5. (Nat'l Criminal Justice Reference Service, Oct. 2007)

How can I TAKE ACTION?

Bystander Intervention:

- Have a buddy system when attending a large group gathering
- If you notice someone being coerced or unwilling to accompany an individual/ group or someone seems to be in danger- Intervene!

You may use one of these three techniques:

- Direct (directly confront these individuals and have the victim go with you)
- Distract (approach the victim and say you need help finding someone/your keys, etc. to get them separated)
- Delegate (gather a group of people to join you to get the victim away from danger or call the Police)

Region 8 Mental Health Services 24 hr. Crisis Hotline: 1-877-657-4098

Suicide Prevention Lifeline **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

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