SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING

(Board Policies 3430, 3540, 5500, California Penal Code, sections 240, 242, 243.4, 261-266, 646.9)

Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are crimes that are not tolerated on this campus. Mt. San Antonio College has adopted Board Policies and procedures designed to prevent sexual crimes, stating sanctions for offenders, and supporting access to treatment and information for victims. All applicable punishment, including criminal charges, and/or employee or student disciplinary action, shall be applied whether the violator is an employee, student or member of the general public.

Sexual assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking (DVDVS) are difficult topics to discuss, but it is important that you have information to help reduce the risk of an assault and obtain immediate help should an assault occur. The following pages provide information on what to do if an assault occurs, where to get help and to whom to report the incident.

**Sexual violence** is any sexual act or attempt to obtain a sexual act by violence or coercion, unwanted sexual comments or advances, acts of trafficking a person or acts directed against a person’s sexuality, regardless of the relationship to the victim.

**Sexual assault** includes rape, fondling and incest. **Rape** is defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without consent of the victim. **Lack of consent**, or the inability to consent due to intoxication, mental incapacitation, or unconsciousness, can result in forced physical participation or intimidation.

**Consent requires that you** must be willing to participate in sexual intimacy and both partners must say “yes.” The decision to have any type of sexual behavior or activity must be free from force, threats, coercion or intimidation. Consent cannot be given when a person is mentally incapacitated. Both partners must be free to make their own decisions and have the option of whether or not to be intimate. The safest way to get consent is to ask and receive a positive response. Consent can be withdrawn at any time.

**Domestic violence** includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

The pattern of abusive behavior used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner includes; violence in the form of physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.
Dating violence (DV) means violence committed by a person;
• Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
• Based on the length, the type, and the frequency of the persons involved in the relationship.

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:
  • Fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
  • Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
Examples of sexual harassment include unwanted, uninvited, unsolicited verbal or written contacts, stalking, or leering with intention to harass, intimidate, threaten, retaliate or create conflict, including the use of electronic means of communication.

Reduce the Risk of Being Assaulted

While you can never completely protect yourself from sexual assault, RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) suggests the following to help reduce your risk of being assaulted.

Avoid dangerous situations:
  • Be aware of your surroundings. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way to get out of a bad situation.
  • Try to avoid isolated areas. It is more difficult to get help if no one is around.
  • Walk with purpose. Even if you don’t know where you are going, act like you do.
  • Trust your instincts. If a situation or location feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably isn’t the best place to be.
  • Try not to load yourself down with packages or bags as this can make you appear more vulnerable.
  • Make sure your cell phone is with you and charged and that you have money for bus fare.
  • Don’t allow yourself to be isolated with someone you don’t trust or someone you don’t know.
  • Avoid putting music headphones in both ears so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.
In social situations:
- When you go to a social gathering, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, check in with each other throughout the evening, and leave together. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you find a way out of a bad situation.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe in any situation, go with your instincts. If you see something suspicious, contact law enforcement immediately by calling 911.
- Don't leave your drink unattended while talking, dancing, using the restroom, or making a phone call. If you’ve left your drink alone, just get a new one.
- Don't accept drinks from people you don't know or trust. If you choose to accept a drink, go with the person to the bar to order it, watch it being poured, and carry it yourself. At parties, don’t drink from the punch bowls or other large, common open containers.
- Watch out for your friends, and vice versa. If a friend seems out of it, is way too intoxicated for the amount of alcohol they’ve had, or is acting out of character, get him or her to a safe place immediately.
- If you suspect you or a friend has been drugged, contact law enforcement immediately by calling 911. Seek medical services. Be explicit with doctors so they can give you the correct tests (you will need a urine test and possibly others).
- If you are being followed, walk or run to a crowded area as fast as you can. If you are driving, drive to a lighted, populated place, police or fire station.

On campus:
- Start a buddy system when walking to your car, parking lot, or bus stop.
- Campus Escorts are available during evening hours to assure your safety on campus and in parking lots. They are provided at your request, please call 909.274.4555.
- Blue emergency telephone towers are located throughout the campus and parking lots to access Public Safety immediately should you need assistance with any emergency occurrence.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ASSAULT

If you, or another student becomes the victim of sexual violence please:
- Get to a safe place as fast as possible.
- Get help. Call Public Safety from a blue emergency telephone tower or dial 909.274.4555, or call 911 (9-911) from a campus office telephone or alert any College employee who is nearby.
- Do not shower, bathe, wash your hands or face, douche, change or destroy clothing, or brush your hair or teeth until police arrive.
- Place all clothing in a paper bag.
- Do not clean the area or dispose of any items in the immediate area.
- If you do not wish to call the police, ask a friend or family member to take you to a hospital or the Student Health Center for help.
• Contact the Student Health Center, Bldg. 67B, 909.274.4400 or the Student Life Office, 9C, 909.274.4525.
• If you have been assaulted in the past and need confidential emotional support, or counseling, contact Student Health Services, 909.274.4400, or any of the services listed in this section. Project Sister, 909.623.1619, or the Rape Crisis Center, 213.626.3393.

REPORTING AN ASSAULT

• If you are a victim of an assault, and are reluctant to report because you were involved in a possible violation of the Standards of Conduct such as alcohol or drug use, you need to know that the safety of students is the College’s primary concern; you are encouraged to report the incident.

• If the assault happened on or near campus, find a blue emergency telephone tower on campus, push the button and you will be connected with campus Public Safety, or call Public Safety at 909.274.4555, or call 911.

• If the assault happened in the past, a police report may be filed by contacting the police department of the city where the assault occurred.

• Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department - Walnut Station may be contacted at 909.595.2264. This department has responsibility for the investigation of sexual assaults occurring at or near the College.

• The College shall maintain the identity of any alleged victim or witness of sexual assault on College property, as defined above, in confidence unless the alleged victim or witness specifically waives that right to confidentiality.

RESTRAINING/PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Restraining/protective court orders protect someone from being physically or sexually abused, threatened, stalked or harassed. The person obtaining the restraining order is called the “protected person.” The person the restraining order is against is the “restrained person.” Sometimes, restraining orders may include other “protected persons,” such as family or household members of the “protected person.”

Mt. San Antonio College Public Safety Department will respond to any reported violations of a legal restraining order and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department will be contacted to respond. If you obtain a restraining order against another person, you must file the restraining order court documentation with the Mt. San Antonio College Public Safety Department and the law enforcement agency of the cities in which you live and work.
Report any violations of a restraining order which occur on campus with the Mt. San Antonio College Public Safety Department at 909.274.4555 or the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department – Walnut Station at 909.595.2264.

House of Ruth offers legal advocacy and assistance in completing a temporary restraining order at http://houseofruthinc.org/home.

**HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

The College has identified Lorraine Y. Jones, Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Programs as the designated responsible employee for receiving all complaints of discrimination, harassment and retaliation. Anyone wishing to file a complaint must contact Lorraine Y. Jones, Director, EEO Programs, Office of Human Resources, Building 4, Room 1460, 909.274.4225.

**CONSEQUENCES OF COMMITTING ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

- Any sexual assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking (DVDS), whether committed by an employee, student, or member of the public that occurs on College property, is a violation of College policies and procedures, and is subject to all applicable punishment including criminal procedures and employee or student discipline procedures.
- Student disciplinary action can result in immediate suspension and/or expulsion.

**ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO THE VICTIM**

Victims may request assistance in changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations, or protective measures, regardless if the crime was reported to Campus Public Safety or local law enforcement. Contact Lorraine Y. Jones, Director, EEO Programs.

**FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)**

FERPA allows the College to disclose to an alleged victim of any crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense the final results of a disciplinary proceeding conducted by the College against the alleged perpetrator of that crime.
**Bystander Interventions**

Bystander Intervention means safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of sexual assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking.

It is the belief that preventing and eliminating violence is everyone’s job. In order to strive for a safe Mt. SAC community, we encourage the following recommendations from RAINN:

**If you see someone in danger of being assaulted:**
- Step in, if it is safe and offer assistance. Ask if the person needs help. Call Public Safety 909.274.4555 or 911 if the danger is imminent.
- Don’t leave. If you remain at the scene and are a witness, the perpetrator is less likely to do anything.

**Be an ally:**
- When you go to a party, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, check in with each other frequently and leave together.
- Have a buddy system. Don’t be afraid to let a friend know if you are worried about her/his safety.

**Peer Support**
- If you are informed about a sexual assault or sexual violence action taking place on the college campus, you are encouraged to report the crime to any College employee, such as a counselor, athletic coach, professor, **Public Safety, Student Life or Title IX**. If it is somebody that you know, you can help them by encouraging them to report the incident. An anonymous report can also be made to Text-a-Tip Hotline below.

**Sexual Awareness and Prevention Education Programs**

Mt. San Antonio College provides the following educational programs to promote the awareness and prevention of rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. These programs are offered annually to the college community and at new student and employee orientations.

The Mt. SAC New Student Orientation (NSO) includes material developed by Student Health Services, including the Sexual Violence and Consent cards. The decision to use Student Health Services materials was deliberate so as to ensure consistency of information. During the in-person NSO, incoming students will be educated on specific definitions of stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual harassment. Campus and national resources for students will be provided.
The following sexual awareness presentations will be hosted each semester to the college community:

**Sexual Assault Prevention Education** – Arm yourself with tools to prevent a sexual assault! We invite you to attend these events, presented by *Project Sister*:

**Every 2 Minutes – Preventing Sexual Assault** - Sexual violence education, prevention, resources and services on where to get help.

**Sexual Assault and Self-Defense Workshop** - Educational presentation about personal safety skills and protecting against sexual assault and theft.

*Welcome to the Party*: A Sexual Assault Prevention Education Two-Part Presentation - addresses sexual assault that may occur in a social setting that involves alcohol and drug use.

**House of Ruth** – Offers presentations that specialize in delivering education, services, and resources, to women who are dealing or recovering from domestic violence.

In addition to educational programs, Mt. San Antonio College disseminates the following information campus wide for Students, Faculty and Staff throughout the academic year.

**Faculty & Staff**
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Memo & Event Flyers - Campus Wide Email

**Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Campaign (April)**

*Department Packets*
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Memo
- “Stop Sexual Violence” and Consent “Get Some” Cards
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Event Flyers
- “Welcome to the Party” – Class Presentation Offering

[www.notalone.gov](http://www.notalone.gov)  Together against sexual assault. Information for college students and resources on responding, and preventing sexual assaults on college campuses.

**Circle of 6** is a free app that prevents violence before it happens. Visit the webpage to learn more and download the free app to your smartphone.
RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

Financial Aid 909 274.4450
Public Safety 909 274.4555
Public Safety Text-a-Tip Hot Line 909 274.9560
http://textatip.mtsac.edu
Student Life Office, Building 9C 909 274.4525
Student Health Center 909 274.4400
Title IX Coordinator 909 274.4225

Hotlines and Community Resources

Pacific Clinics 877.722.2737
Project Sister Family Services (24-hr. rape hotline) 909.626.4357
East LA Women’s Center
  (24-hr rape & battering hotline, Spanish) 800.585.6231
Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center (24-hr rape hotline) 951.686.7273
National Sexual Assault Hotline 800.656.HOPE
Victim-Witness Assistance Program 800.380.3811
  (Victims may be eligible for compensation through victims-witness programs)
RAINN (Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network) www.rainn.org

Domestic Violence Resources:
House of Ruth (24-hr crisis helpline) 877.988.5559
YWCA-WINGS (24-hr domestic violence help line) 626.967.0658
Option House Shelter (24-hr domestic violence hotline). 909.381.3471
National Domestic Violence Hotline 800.799.SAFE
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence www.ncadv.org

Legal Assistance Resource
LawHelpCa.org (low cost legal assistance including immigration issues)

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Baldwin Park Police Department
14403 Pacific Avenue
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
626.960.1955

Claremont Police Department
570 West Bonita Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711
909.399.5411
Covina Police Department
444 North Citrus Avenue
Covina, CA 91723
626.384.5808

La Verne Police Department
2061 Third Street
La Verne, CA 91750
909.596.1913

Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department:
City of Industry Sheriffs Station – Serving City of Industry, Bassett, Hacienda Heights, La Puente, Valinda
150 North Hudson Avenue
City of Industry, CA 91744
626.330.3322

Walnut Sheriffs Station
Serving Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Walnut
21695 Valley Blvd.
Walnut, CA 91789
909.595.2264

San Dimas Sheriffs Station
Serving San Dimas, unincorporated areas of Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Glendora, La Verne
270 South Walnut Avenue
San Dimas, CA 91773
909.450.2700

Pomona Police Department
490 West Mission Blvd
Pomona, CA 91766
909.620.2131

West Covina Police Department
1444 West Garvey Street
West Covina, CA 91790
626.939.8500

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