

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE INFORMATION

### Definitions

- **Sexual violence** includes both sexual assault and rape.
- **Sexual assault** includes but is not limited to rape, forced sodomy, forced copulation, rape by foreign object, sexual battery, or threat of sexual assault. These include situations where the accused sexually assaults a person incapable of giving consent, including where the person is prevented from resisting due to alcohol or drugs and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused. Intoxication of the assailant shall not diminish the assailant's responsibility for sexual assault.
- **Rape** is (a) sexual intercourse against a person's will accomplished by force or threats of bodily injury; (b) sexual intercourse against a person's will where the person has reasonable fear that she or he or another will be injured if she or he does not submit to the intercourse; (c) sexual intercourse where the person is incapable of resisting because she or he at the time is unconscious or asleep and this is known to the accused. *See California Penal Code sections 261-266.*
- **Domestic violence** is the willful infliction of corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition against a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or mother or father of one's child. *See California Penal Code section 273.5.*
- **Stalking** is the willful, malicious, and repeated following or harassing of another person and the making of a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his/her safety or the safety of his/her immediate family. *See California Penal Code section 646.9.*

### Facts and myths regarding sexual violence

- Women on American college campuses who are from 18 to 24 years of age are at greater risk of becoming victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking than women in the general population or women in a comparable age group. Research over the past 20 years has consistently estimated the rate of sexual assault among women who are in the age group traditionally considered to be college-aged as one in four.
- Studies have consistently shown that sexual activity primarily affects women and youth, and that most perpetrators are friends, acquaintances, or someone else who is known by the victim.
- In 1994, the Ms. Report on Recognizing, Fighting and Surviving Date and Acquaintance Rape demonstrated that one in four college women had been the victim of a completed or attempted rape, and that, in 84 percent of the attacks, the victim knew the perpetrator.
- The National Violence Against Women Survey of 1998 demonstrated that 83 percent of rape victims were less than 25 years old when they were assaulted.
- In 2000, the Sexual Victimization of College Women survey estimated that a college with 10,000 students could expect more than 350 rapes per year to occur on that campus.
- Additionally, half of all stalking victims are between the ages of 18 and 29, and women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of domestic violence victimization.
- While sexual assault primarily affects young women, they are not the only targets. Men, individuals with disabilities, members of cultural and religious minority groups, and lesbian/gay/transgendered individuals also experience sexual assault.

Additional information is also available at:

Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women  
<http://www.lacaaw.org/home.html>

United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/MythsFactSexualViolence.htm>

***How to file internal administrative complaints with the college and how to file criminal charges with local law enforcement officials***

- Administrative complaints with the college regarding incidents of sexual violence may be initiated with the Campus Violence Response Team; please contact Sherron Rouzan, 287-4527, Team Leader of our Campus Violence Response Team.
- The Campus Violence Response Team will be able to provide victims with information and resources on obtaining peer support, counseling, trauma services, and how to proceed with criminal and civil charges.
- The Los Angeles Community College District policy regarding sexual assault is found in Chapter XVI of the LACCD Board Rules ("Sexual Assault"), available at [http://www.laccd.edu/board\\_rules/](http://www.laccd.edu/board_rules/)
- Criminal charges may be filed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on campus. The Sheriff's Department can be contacted at 287-4311.

***Contact information for campus and community resources for students who are victims of sexual violence***

Campus Violence Response Team  
Building A-13, WLAC  
Contact Sherron Rouzan, Team Leader  
Tel: 287-4527

Heath Center  
Building A-9, WLAC  
Contact: Meoly Avila, Nurse Practitioner  
Tel: 287-4478  
Mo & Wed 8:00am-4:30pm  
Tues & Thur 11:00am-7:00pm  
Fri 8:00am-12:00pm

Sheriff's Office  
Building A-9, WLAC  
Contact: Deputy Darren Inana  
Tel: 310-287-4311  
Tel: 310-287-4314  
24hrs/everyday

Center for the Pacific Asian Family, Inc. | 323-653-4045  
543 N. Fairfax Ave., Suite 108  
Los Angeles, CA 90036  
tel: 323-653-4045, fax: 323-653-7913

East Los Angeles Women's Center | 323-526-5819  
1255 S. Atlantic Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90022  
tel: 323-526-5819, fax: 323-526-5822

Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women | 213-955-9090  
605 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
tel: 213-955-9090, fax: 213-955-9093

Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women – Pasadena | 626-585-9166  
464 East Walnut Street, Suite 201  
Pasadena, CA 91101  
tel: 626-585-9166, fax: 626-585-0447

Project Sister Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc. | 909-623-1619  
P.O. Box 1390  
Claremont, CA 91711  
tel: 909-623-1619, fax: 909-622-8389

Rape Treatment Center, UCLA Medical Center | 310-319-4503  
1250 Sixteenth Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
tel: 310-319-4503, fax: 310-319-4809

Rosa Parks Sexual Assault Crisis Center | 323-290-4119  
4182 S. Western Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90062  
tel: 323-290-4119, fax: 323-296-4742

Sexual Assault Crisis Agency | 562-494-5046  
1703 Termino Ave., Suite 103  
Long Beach, CA 90804  
tel: 562-494-5046, fax: 562-494-1741

Sexual Assault Response Services | 661-949-5566  
1600 W Avenue J  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
tel: 661-949-5566, fax: 661-949-3940

Valley Trauma Center – Van Nuys | 818-886-0453  
7116 Sofia Avenue  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
tel: 818-756-5330, fax: 818-756-5443

Valley Trauma Center – Valencia | 661-253-1772  
25115 Avenue Stanford, Suite 122  
Valencia, CA 91355-4819  
tel: 661-253-1772, fax: 661-253-2316

YWCA of Greater LA Sexual Assault Crisis Program | 310-763-9995  
1600 E. Compton Blvd.  
Compton, CA 90221  
tel: 310-763-9995, fax: 310-763-9590

### ***Campus, criminal, and civil consequences of committing acts of sexual violence***

- Campus consequences of committing acts of sexual violence include the imposition of discipline, such as expulsion or suspension for students and termination for employees.
- Criminal consequences include imprisonment in state prison. The specific prison terms for sex crimes will depend on the factual circumstances involved. Persons convicted of sex crimes will be required to register as sex offenders, and will also be entered into an online database. The database of registered sex offenders is publicly available at the websites for the California Attorney General and the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Registry.
  - California Attorney General website: <http://www.ag.ca.gov/>
  - U.S. Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Registry website: <http://www.nsopr.gov/>
- Civil consequences of committing acts of sexual violence include possible civil actions being filed against the offender, making the offender subject to restraining orders and/or potentially liable for compensatory and punitive damages to the victim.