



Sexual Assault Prevention

Cumberland University does not tolerate sexual assault, coercion, exploitation, or other forms of sexual misconduct that offends the dignity of any member of the college community. Sexual assault, whether occurring on campus or at college-sponsored activities, is both a violation of the standards of the college and a criminal act within federal and state laws. Individuals who believe they have been the victims of a sexual assault may pursue resolution on campus and/or criminal action against an alleged perpetrator.

The University strongly encourages any person who has been sexually assaulted either on or off-campus to contact the Dean of Students, the Office of Safety and Security, or the police department where the incident occurred. It is important to realize that on a national level, at least one third of all reported sexual assault victims know their attacker - this person may have been a date, steady boyfriend or girlfriend, or casual friend. This is called "acquaintance rape" and it can happen to anyone at any time.

Victims of any violent crime can expect:

- To be treated with respect
- To have confidentiality maintained (within the bounds of law and University policy)
- To have college or criminal proceedings fully explained
- To receive referral information for support services

Information on sexual assault prevention can be found at the office of Safety and Security, in the office of the Dean of Students, and in the University Counseling Center.

Sex Offenses

If you are the victim of a sexual assault:

- Go to a safe place.
- Try to remain calm and alert.
- Call 615-476-3061 if the incident took place on campus; call the local police at 9*1*1 if it occurred off campus.
- Contact a trusted friend or family member.
- Do not bathe or douche. Do not urinate, if possible.
- Do not eat, drink liquids, smoke, or brush teeth if oral contact took place.
- Keep the clothes worn during the offense. If clothes are changed, place clothes in a paper bag (evidence deteriorates in plastic).
- Get prompt medical attention at a local hospital.
- Do not destroy the physical evidence that may be found in the vicinity of the crime. If the crime occurred in the victim's home, the victim should not clean until the police have had an opportunity to collect evidence.
- Tell someone all details remembered about the assault. Write down all details remembered as soon as possible.

REMEMBER: The preservation of physical evidence may be critical for successful prosecution of the offender.

If you are a Sex Offender

- You are subject to arrest, incarceration, and prosecution through the state courts.
- As a student, you are subject to University judicial proceedings that may result in permanent expulsion from Cumberland University.

On-campus Resources

Safety and Security: (615) 476-3061

Dean of Students: (615) 547-1353