



Policy Addressing Sex Offenses

The college educates the student community about sexual assaults and date rape through a session in the first term of the freshman year. Literature on date rape education and risk reduction can be found in the Center for Hospitality Studies.

If you are a victim of sexual assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The college strongly advocates that a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. This is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to a College Vice President, Residential Learning Coordinator or local law enforcement by calling 911. Filing a report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later
- Assure the victim will have access to local police

College disciplinary actions will be decided on a case by case basis and both accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome. Support services outside the College can be obtained through the RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) at 1-800-656-HOPE or the Council for Relationships and Counseling Services at 4025 Chestnut Street, 215-382-6680.

Information regarding registered sex offenders may be obtained through the Megan's Law website at <http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/Main.aspx>.