Sexual Assault & Sexual Harassment 2016-17

What you need to know…

What should you do?

What you do is a personal decision. UWRF is committed to providing resources to assist you with whatever you choose to do. Our first and foremost concern is your safety.

Victim Advocate:

The UWRF Campus Victim Advocate is someone who can provide immediate support and resources. The Victim Advocate is also someone with whom you can discuss options before deciding what your next step should be. Please call 715-425-3293/3884 (campus) or 715-425-6751 or 1-800-345-5104 (24-Hour Crisis Line)/Turningpoint

Report to the university:

If you would like to report the assault to the university, especially if it happened on campus or if the person who assaulted you is a UWRF student, contact the Title IX coordinator Gregg Heinselman at 715-425-0720. The Title IX coordinator can assist you with resources at the university by starting an investigation, implementing interim measures such as temporary or permanent no-contact orders, academic and/or housing accommodations, and connecting you to resources.

Report to University Police

If you want to report the assault to the police, call the University Police at 715-425-3133 to speak to an officer or call 911.

*you can report the assault to both the police and to the University but know that these are two different and independent processes.

What happens when I report to the university?

You will have the opportunity to meet with the Title IX coordinator to discuss your complaint. The Title IX coordinator will talk to you about the process, possibly put in place interim measures and share with you resources that are available to you at the university and within the community.

The Title IX may refer your complaint to Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards for investigation and will discuss with you the process of that investigation as well as how outcomes are communicated.

Victim’s Bill of Rights

As a student at UWRF, you have the following rights:

• To feel safe on campus.
• To be informed of your reporting options and receive assistance in filing a report.
• To be informed of counseling and supportive services.
• To be informed of options for changing academic or living situations.
• To have a support person with you in any disciplinary hearing regarding your complaint.
• To be informed of the outcome of a disciplinary hearing.
• To be informed if an appeal is filed regarding the outcome of the disciplinary hearing.
• To be informed of the outcome of the appeal should one be requested.

Campus and Community Resources

UWRF Student Health and Counseling Services

Provides a variety of free and confidential services by mental health and medical professionals.

• Counseling Services 715-425-3884
• Student Health Services 715-425-3293 - covers many health services for students at the locations below:
  o Pierce County Reproductive Health Services 715-425-8003: STD testing and treatment, emergency contraception, urine pregnancy testing, etc.
  o Vibrant Health Family Clinic 715-425-6701: STD testing, emergency contraception, urine pregnancy testing, etc.

UWRF Campus Victim Advocate (CVA)

Safety, support, and services to victims and survivors of sexual assault and violence 715-425-3293 - covers many health services for students at the locations below:

• Turningpoint

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

Forensic healthcare, education, protection, and advocacy for victim survivors of sexual violence 715-425-6443 or 1-888-334-4677 (24-Hour Forensic Nurse Examinations)

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Sexual Assault information to students

Any form of sexual assault is a serious action that demands our immediate attention. At the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, we are committed to the prevention of all forms of sex-based abuse and violence.

What is sexual assault?

Sexual assault is unwanted sexual activity defined as:

- any intentional sexual touching
- however slight,
- with any object,
- by a man or a woman upon a man or a woman,
- that is without consent and/or by force.

Wisconsin state language definitions:

Sexual assault is any forced or coerced sexual intercourse or contact. It is a crime of violence in which assailants, whether known to the victim or not, are motivated by a desire to humiliate and/or exert power over the victim. (Refer to Wisconsin State Statutes 940.225 and 948.02.) In short, any sexual contact which you do not want is sexual assault.

Wisconsin statutes define four degrees of sexual assault. They range from uninvited and unwanted touching to forced intercourse. Sexual assault can occur between persons in dating or sexual relationships, including marriage. It can also occur between persons of the same sex.

These are the four degrees of sexual assault in Wisconsin. These four degrees are defined as:

First Degree Sexual Assault:

- Sexual intercourse or sexual contact without consent which causes pregnancy or inflicts great bodily harm, or
- Sexual intercourse or sexual contact without consent accomplished by using, or threatening to use a dangerous weapon, or
- Sexual intercourse or sexual contact without consent while aided by one or more persons.

Second Degree Sexual Assault:

- Sexual intercourse or sexual contact without consent through the use or threat of violence, or
- Sexual intercourse or sexual contact without consent which causes injury, including illness, disease, or impairment of a sexual or reproductive organ, or mental anguish requiring psychiatric care, or
- Sexual intercourse or sexual contact with a person known by the perpetrator to be unconscious or mentally ill or mentally deficient.

Third Degree Sexual Assault:

- Having sexual intercourse with a person without that person’s consent.

Fourth Degree Sexual Assault:

- Having sexual contact with a person without that person’s consent.

Examples of sexual assault:

- You agreed through words to do one thing, but were forced to do more than you agreed to.
- While you were incapacitated from alcohol or drugs, someone had sex with you or engaged in sexual activity with you. You may have been asleep, passed out, too intoxicated to know what was happening, or were unable to stop it.
- It started with kissing and when you said no, the other person continued. You became frozen, did not participate, but the other person had sex with you anyway.
- Your partner forced you to have sex when you did not want to.

Wisconsin state penalties

Penalties for conviction of a criminal or civil action based on a crime of sexual assault or rape range from fines, financial restitution, and probation to imprisonment; depending on the degree of the assault.

First degree sexual assault is a class B felony. A person found guilty of first degree sexual assault may be imprisoned up to 20 years.

Second degree sexual assault is a class C felony. One found guilty of second degree sexual assault can be imprisoned not more than 10 years and/or fined not more than $10,000.

Third degree sexual assault is a class D felony. The penalty for a third degree sexual assault is imprisonment for not more than five years and/or a fine of not more than $10,000.

Fourth degree sexual assault is a class A misdemeanor. The penalty for fourth degree sexual assault is imprisonment for not more than nine months and/or a fine of not more than $10,000.