Preventing & Responding to Sexual Violence at Tulane
A Webinar for Tulane Parents & Families
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OVERVIEW

• National landscape and conversation on college sexual violence

• How Tulane responds to sexual violence and supports victims/survivors

• Tulane’s policies and procedures regarding sexual violence

• Our efforts to prevent (and end) sexual violence on campus

• How you and your student can contribute to a safer Tulane
The National Landscape
[screams internally]
Title IX

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

= End Sexual Discrimination.

Sexual Harassment  Sexual Violence
Title IX and Sexual Violence

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. All public and private schools receiving any federal funds must comply with Title IX.

RESPONSE

If a school knows about sexual harassment or sexual violence, the school must take immediate action to eliminate it, prevent its recurrence and address its effects.

Every school must have and distribute a policy against sex discrimination.

Every school must have a Title IX coordinator.

Every school must have procedures for students to file complaints of sex discrimination, including complaints of sexual harassment or violence.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights
Responding to Sexual Violence: Support and Resources
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
If you or someone you know has been forced or coerced into sexual activity, there are many resources at Tulane that can help. You are not alone.

**Confidential**

The following resources will not share any information without your permission:

- **Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)**
  - 504.314.2277
- **Student Health Center**
  - 504.865.5255
- **SAPHE Hotline**
  - 504.654.9543
- **The Line**
  - 504.264.6074

**Private**

If you are okay with your information being disclosed to other staff for help & assistance, go to:

- **Office of Victim Support Services**
  - 504.314.2160
- **Tulane University Police (TUPD)**
  - 504.865.5911
- **Title IX Coordinator**
  - 504.314.2160
- **Resident Advisors**

For immediate emergency assistance or to report suspicious or criminal activity of any kind, call the Tulane University Police (TUPD) at 504.865.5911

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Feel free to take this window cling
Anyone can submit
Disclose your identity
Submit anonymously
Tulane Policies & Procedures
Prohibited Conduct

• Sexual Harassment
  – Unwanted communications/behaviors of a sexual nature
  – Quid Pro Quo
  – Hostile Environment

• Gender-Based Harassment
  – Harassment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity
  – Does not need to be “sexual” in nature
Prohibited Conduct

• Sexual Assault
  – Hostile Environment: Severity
  – Unwanted sexual contact
  – Includes touching and “rape”
Prohibited Conduct

• Consent
  – Mutual agreement for sexual activity
  – Informed
  – CANNOT be obtained through threats, coercion, or facilitated
  – The person must obtain consent
  – SILENCE IS NOT CONSENT.
Prohibited Conduct

• **Other Sexual Violence**
  – **Dating Violence**
  – **Stalking**
  – **Sexual Exploitation**
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The Tulane University Code

Office of Student Conduct
Division of Student Affairs
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Office of Institutional Equity
Efforts to Prevent (& End) Sexual Violence at Tulane
How to Prevent Sexual Violence

- Alcohol
- Rape Culture
- Bystander Behavior
IS NEW ORLEANS AMERICA’S BEST DRINKING TOWN?
Alcohol & Sexual Violence

• Correlation between high alcohol consumption and victimization AND perpetration
  – Regular binge drinking as well as in a single night
• Alcohol is the #1 date rape drug
• Alcohol can lead to more risk-taking behavior and to reading ambiguous situations wrong
Alcohol & Sexual Violence

- Increased alcohol education and bystander training on alcohol intervention
- Stronger enforcement of the Alcohol Policy
- Campus-wide plan for engaging issues around alcohol, led by The Well & Student Health
What is rape culture?

[It's a culture where we blame victims, where we disbelieve victims, where we act like rape is both uncommon and trivial.]"
Combatting Rape Culture

- University-wide coalition on sexual assault: Sexual Violence Education & Prevention Coalition (SVPEC)
- Education from peer groups like SAPHE and TUPHEs; Title IX Coordinator
- Programs like Take Back the Night, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, The Clothesline Project
- 2016 Reading Project Book, Asking for It
- Language on faculty syllabi to encourage victims to seek support
- Newcomb College Institute speaker series
- Campus Climate Survey
Future Events

• Shifting the Paradigm: September 19
• Undergraduate Student Government Town Hall: October 3
• Take Back the Night: October xx
• Climate Survey Results Release: TBD, late fall/early winter
What You & Your Student Can Do
Responding Empathetically

• Be prepared to support your student or their friends if they are survivors of sexual violence

• What is okay to say?
  – “I believe you and I am sorry this happened to you.”
  – “You are not alone. What can I do to help?”
  – “You are not to blame. It wasn’t your fault.”
  – “Thank you for telling me. It was brave of you to tell me that.”

• What should you avoid?
  – “Everything will be okay.”
  – “You should(n’t) have…”
  – “Why did(n’t)/were(n’t) you…”
  – Interrogation
Have a conversation with your student about sex, consent, and healthy relationships

...and turn it into a dialogue.

- Talk about media: good representations and bad
- Read “Asking for It,” “American Hookup,” “Missoula”

Read our policies, learn about our programs, and encourage your student to engage

- Including assessment efforts!

Set expectations with your student about how you expect them to behave as a bystander
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Thank you so much—here’s to a great year!