

**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
ACT (VAWA) TRAINING**

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Anyone can be victimized.

1 in 5 college women will be a victim of sexual assault

Prevalence

At least 80% of all sexual assaults are committed by an acquaintance of the victim.

18-24 year olds have the highest rate of stalking victimization

OVERVIEW

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA)

- President Obama signed into law on March 7, 2013
- Improves and expands how higher education institutions prevent and respond to sexual violence
 - Including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking
 - Regardless of the victims' gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) is committed to creating and maintaining an educational environment free from all forms of sex discrimination, including sexual misconduct. Any act involving sexual harassment, violence, coercion, and intimidation will not be tolerated. SVSU also strictly prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

CONSENT

The [SVSU Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) defines consent as a clear, unambiguous, and voluntary communication of willingness to engage in specific sexual acts or behavior, expressed by words or clear, unambiguous action. Consent cannot be inferred from the absence of a “no.” A clear “yes,” verbal or otherwise, is necessary. Silence, passivity, past consent, or lack of active resistance does not imply consent.

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STOP

WOMAN ABUSE

VERBAL ABUSE

CRYING
DANGER
RELATIONSHIP
HATE
MURDER
EMOTIONAL ABUSE
CRISIS
ARGUMENT
FAMILIES SEPARATING
WIFE BEATING
SEXUAL ABUSE
ALONE
CHOKING
PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE
ANXIETY
WARNING
BEATING UP
SLAPPING
FEAR
RAPE
DEPRESS
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by

- a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim
- a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
- a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or
- any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-MICHIGAN

Domestic Violence' means the occurrence of any of the following acts by a person that is not an act of self-defense: causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a family or household member; placing a family or household member in fear of physical or mental harm; causing or attempting to cause a family or household member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress; and/or engaging in activity toward a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

WHO IS A FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER?

“Family or household member” include any of the following:

- A spouse or former spouse.
- An individual with whom the person has or has had a dating relationship.
- An individual with whom the person is or has engaged in a sexual relationship.
- An individual to whom the person is related or was formerly related by marriage.
- An individual with whom the person has a child in common.
- The minor child of an individual described in the above bullet points.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXAMPLE

Ann, a resident student, recently separated from her boyfriend James. He stops by her apartment unannounced to discuss the break-up. James has been physically abusive to Ann in the past but she never disclosed it to anyone. She reluctantly allows him to enter her apartment. While discussing the relationship James becomes angry, shoves Ann into a wall and leaves the apartment.

LOVE
IS NOT
ABUSE

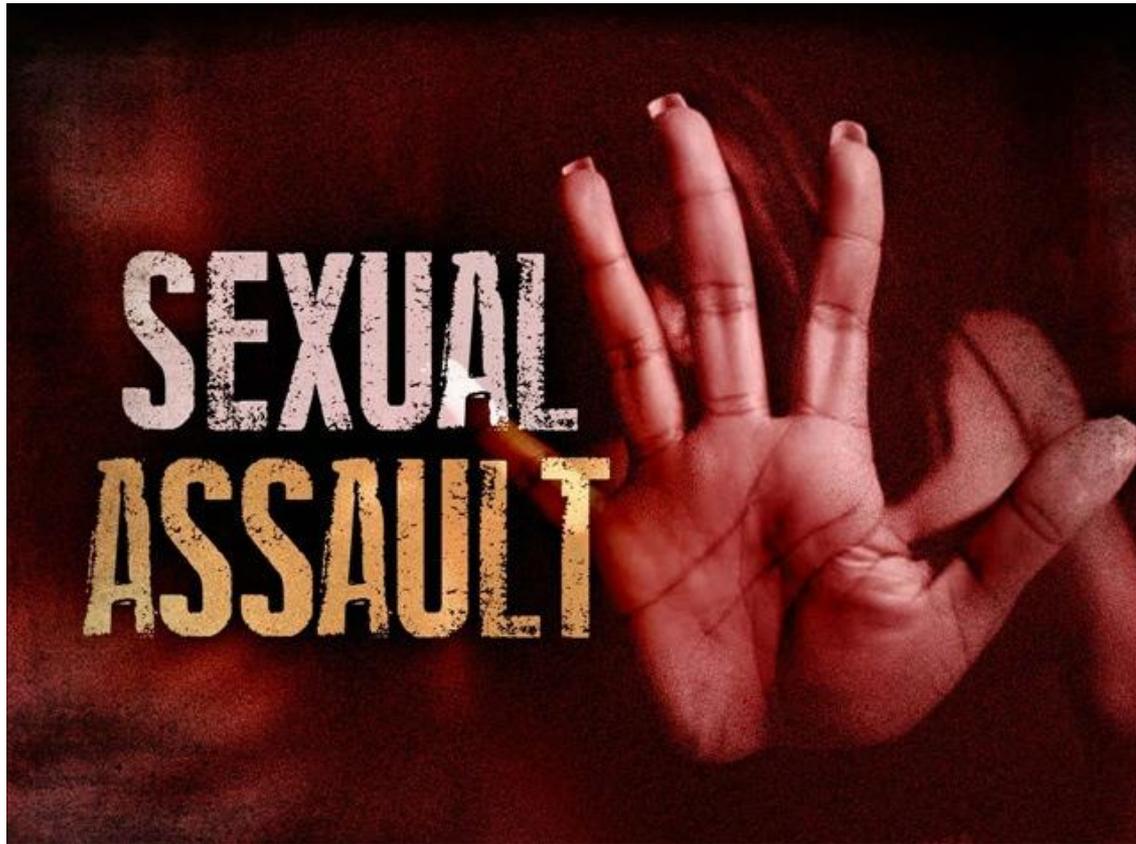


DATING VIOLENCE

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship; the type of relationship; and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

DATING VIOLENCE EXAMPLE

Brittany and Luke have been in a relationship for three months. Anytime Brittany is out with her friends Luke consistently calls and text her. Luke has also been known to “pop-up” in places. While out to lunch with a friend Brittany misses a call from Luke, shortly after he approaches her and begin to yell at her. She runs out of the dining area embarrassed and crying.



SEXUAL ASSAULT

An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program. A sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

DEFINITIONS

- Rape - The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
 - Fondling - The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
 - Incest - Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
 - Statutory Rape - Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.
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SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMPLE

Kevin and Diane are heavily drinking at an off-campus party. After the party, he walks her back to her residence hall. Diane invites Kevin in to watch a movie. Soon after the movie begins, Diane passes out and wakes up to Kevin on top of her engaging in sexual intercourse.

STALKING:

KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT.

STALKING

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.

STALKING EXAMPLE

Nancy, a student, has been sending her professor multiple emails that are unrelated to the class for the past few weeks. The professor has also noticed her hanging around his office, making him feel uncomfortable. The professor confronted Nancy but she denied any wrongdoing. The professor continues to see Nancy in unusual places around campus.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Bystander Intervention
starts with **YOU**



BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

Safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Tips for intervening when you observe or there is a risk of an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault:

- Approach all individuals as a friend
- Avoid using violence
- Keep yourself safe by recruiting others if necessary or calling University Police

Safe and positive options for bystander intervention:

- Making up an excuse to get him/her out of a potentially dangerous situation.
- Never leave his/her side, despite the efforts of someone to get him/her alone or away from you.
- Call University Police or local law enforcement if necessary.
- Step in and separate the two people. Let them know your concerns and reasons for intervening. Be a friend and let them know you are acting in their best interest.

RISK REDUCTION

Options designed to decrease perpetration and bystander inaction, and to increase empowerment for victims in order to promote safety and to help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence.

- Be aware of your surroundings. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way to get out of a bad situation.
- Try to avoid isolated areas. It is more difficult to get help if no one is around.
- Walk with purpose. Even if you don't know where you are going, act like you do.
- Trust your instincts. If a situation or location feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably isn't the best place to be.
- Make sure your cell phone is with you and charged.
- Don't allow yourself to be isolated with someone you don't trust or someone you don't know.
- Avoid putting music headphones in both ears so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.

PREVENTION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

- Red Watch Band Program-designed to end alcohol overdose deaths by teaching participants how to handle alcohol emergencies and summon professional help. SVSU provides training dates to those who want to take action.
- Step Up! Bystander Intervention Training -designed to encourage, motivate, and provide skills to participants in order to handle a potentially dangerous situation or to prevent one. SVSU provides training dates to students who want to take action.
- SAPT-a trained student group who educates the SVSU community about the resources that exist and try to prevent sexual assault among their peer group. They also serve as a focus group on what our students need in terms of education and resources.
- VAWA Presentations-face-to-face presentations given to many campus groups including adjunct faculty, student athletes, and residential life.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

recognize

report

prevent

REPORTING AN OFFENSE

Victims of sexual misconduct have the right to file a criminal complaint with law enforcement and/or an institutional complaint if they so choose. A report of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking may be made to the following offices:

➤ **Criminal complaint:**

University Police (989-964-4141)

➤ **Institutional complaint:**

Title IX Coordinator (989-964-4397)

Associate Provost for Student Affairs/Dean of Students (989-964-4410)

Associate Dean for Student Affairs/Student Conduct Program (989-964-2220)

Human Resources Director (989-964-4209)

Associate Director of Athletic Department/ Senior Women's Administrator
(989-964-7311)

University Ombudsman (989-964-4166)

INVESTIGATIONS

Criminal Complaints-All reports of sexual violence will be thoroughly investigated by trained police officers and handled according to the criminal justice system.

Institutional Complaints (Title IX) -The Title IX Coordinator will determine the most effective method of reviewing the concerns raised by the reported sexual misconduct, including whether to proceed with an investigation under SVSU Sexual Misconduct Policy. When an investigation is deemed warranted, the Title IX Coordinator or a member of the University who is trained to investigate matters of sexual misconduct will conduct the investigation. In all cases, the University will respond to the report in a prompt, thorough, and procedurally fair and effective manner. Upon receipt of a report, the University will strive to complete its review of the complaint within sixty (60) calendar days. Both the Complainant and the Respondent will be entitled to equal rights.

SVSU DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

If the Respondent is found responsible for sexual misconduct, the University will initiate a sanctioning process designed to address the misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects, while engaging in the University's educational mission and Title IX obligations. Sanctions or interventions may also serve to promote safety or deter future misconduct. Some behavior is so harmful to the University community or to the educational process that it may require more serious sanctions or interventions, such as removal from University housing, removal from specific courses or activities, suspension, campus restrictions, termination of employment or expulsion.

*See [SVSU Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) for a detailed explanation of sanctions for students, employees, visitors and third-parties.

ACCOMMODATIONS

SVSU offers a range of protective measures and will assist victims with accommodations/services related to:

- Work
- Academic
- Living
- Counseling/Legal
- Mental Health/Health
- Student Financial Aid
- Victim Advocacy
- Visa and Immigration Services



Request for accommodations can be made to University Police, Title IX Coordinator, Human Resources, Counseling Center and/or Student Conduct. Accommodations are made regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to law enforcement.

ON-CAMPUS & OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

- [SVSU Counseling Center](#) (989) 964-7078
- [SVSU International & Advanced Studies](#) (989) 964-4473
- [SVSU Campus Financial Services Center](#) (989) 964-4900
- [Saginaw Underground Railroad Inc.](#) 1-888-399-8385
- [Child and Family Services: Sexual Assault Center](#) (989) 790-9118
- [Bay Area Women's Center](#) 1-800-834-2098
- [LifeWorks](#) (SVSU Employee Assistance Program) 1-877-234-5151
- Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination: Saginaw Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) (989) 790-9118
- Bay Area Women's Center Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program (989) 686-2251
- Emergency Medical Services: Covenant Health Care 900 Cooper, Saginaw, MI 48602
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT UNIVERSITY POLICE @ 989-964-4141