

Definition of Sexual Violence:

This term is broad. It includes sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, and those behaviors commonly called "rape" or "sexual assault." Sexually violent behavior can be physical, emotional, verbal, or a combination; without the consent of the victim.

Important Things To Remember:

Lack of saying "no" is not the same as granting consent; silence does not equal consent.

Consent cannot be granted if victim is:

- Drunk

- Unconscious

- Mentally or physically incapacitated

- Underage(chronically, emotionally, or intellectually)

- In a prohibited relationship(e.g. incest, adultery, or in a professional relationship such as therapist/client, coach/player, etc.)

What to Do If You (Or Someone You Know) Has Been Sexually Assaulted:

- Get to a safe place

- If you are injured, call 911 for immediate help

- Contact on-campus or off-campus resources. Ask to talk with someone about your options to help you make an informed decision as to what to do next.

- Deciding whether or not to report the crime to police may be very difficult for you. It is strongly recommended that you visit an emergency room within 24 hours for a rape evidence examination to preserve evidence.

- Until you decide whether or not to have

Remember – There are many services on and off campus available to help you. Call one of the on-campus or off-campus numbers listed on the Crime Definitions and Resource site for help.

http://www.belmont.edu/ocs/crime_definitions_and_resource_information.html