

sarc sexual assault & violence prevention resource center

UCSD Parents and Families - Frequently Asked Questions

The Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center has been providing education and support services to the UCSD campus since 1988. Our office offers free and confidential services for students impacted by violence, especially survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding safety.

Important Campus Safety Phone Numbers:

UCSD Police:
858-534-HELP (4357)

CSO Escort:
858-534-WALK
(9255)

UCSD Disaster
Status:
888-308-UCSD (8273)

Q. How safe is the UC San Diego campus?

Although the campus and surrounding community is considered a safe area, the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors is a top priority. Safety tips are delivered to students in a variety of ways throughout the year. There is also a police department located on campus whose primary mission is the protection and safety of persons, property, and buildings on campus. For more information, you may access the annual 'CLERY' crime statistic report online at <http://police.ucsd.edu>.

Q. Is the campus safe to walk around at night?

Although UCSD is a relatively safe campus, we encourage students to use the buddy system or to call the Community Service Officers (CSO). CSO escorts are students trained and employed by the UCSD Police Department. They will escort students, staff, and faculty to and from any area of campus. They can be easily reached by calling (858)-534-WALK (9255). Their services are offered year round, even during holidays.

Q. Is UCSD a dry campus?

No. UC San Diego has five facilities which serve alcohol. These facilities are regulated by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. They also adhere to responsible beverage service standards. Underage drinking is not tolerated by the University. No alcohol is sold or served to individuals under 21 years of age. Underage drinking in the residence halls is prohibited.

Q. Are laptops stolen on campus?

Students should be cautious when leaving their laptops unattended in the library and public places. Never leave a laptop unattended even if it is only for a few moments to get a book or go to the restroom. They are easy to steal if they are not properly secured or watched. Laptop security devices that help deter theft are available for purchase at the UCSD Bookstore. Students living on campus may also register their laptops with ACMS.

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Frequently Asked Questions: Sexual Assault, Relationship Violence and Stalking

Q. Why is there a Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center on campus? Is it necessary?

Research studies have shown that rape often occurs on college campuses but frequently goes unreported. Sexual assaults most commonly take place between acquaintances in familiar surroundings. SARC educates students on this issue using various campaigns and workshops. SARC also provides comprehensive services to victims, including individual and group counseling, support groups, on-campus advocacy and accompaniment to police interviews, medical evidentiary exams and court dates. *SARC is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

Q. Are stalking and relationship violence issues common amongst the college population?

Research shows that dating/domestic violence is a reality amongst teens and college age populations. This type of violence includes emotional, psychological, and physical abuse. Stalking, specifically with the use of technology is also an issue that some students may encounter. SARC also provides services to students who are victims of relationship violence and/or stalking.

Q. How do students get information about sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking?

During Orientation, Welcome Week and throughout the year, SARC distributes brochures to students that provide facts about violence, resources that are available to them on campus, and suggestions for reducing risk and becoming more aware of the issues. SARC also offers workshops and presentations to residence halls and student organizations on recognizing relationship red flags and high risk behavior, as well as working towards having healthy relationships.

One of our most popular workshops is Every Little BIT Counts, an introduction to bystander intervention as well as a skill-building workshop that will empower students to become responsive bystanders. Bystander intervention is when one person chooses to speak up or step in when witnessing an uncomfortable situation. This workshop, offered to students, faculty and staff, encourages the UCSD community to be responsive bystanders and to take a stand against violence.

Important Facts

- Approximately one in five women are raped during their college years.
- The vast majority of sexual assault victims are assaulted by someone they know.
- 6.1% of Men will experience an attempted or completed sexual assault during their college years.
- Girls and women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rates of physical abuse in their relationships.
- Among women who are stalked during their college years, 4 in 5 know their stalkers.

Three Tips for helping a loved one affected by violence:

1. **Believe** what they tell you
2. **Listen** & respect boundaries
3. **Support** & give resources

Considerations for Victims & Survivors:

Sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking can happen to anyone. These types of violence affect both women and men, regardless of race, gender identification, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, etc.

Sometimes victims and survivors feel responsible, or are made to feel responsible, for what happened to them. Know that experiences of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking are not your student's fault.

Statistical Sources: Fisher, Bonnie S., Francis T. Cullen and Michael G. Turner, Research Report "The Sexual Victimization of College Women." U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, NCJ 182369, December 2000. Tjaden, Patricia and Nancy Thoennes, "Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women: Finding from the national Violence Against Women Survey." Center for Policy Research, November 2000. U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim, 1993-1999." October 2001. Krebs, C., "Campus Sexual Assault Study." U.S. DOJ 2007.