

Victim Of Sexual Assault

In the event you or another person is the victim of sexual assault, it is important to remember details, follow procedures and notify the proper departments. The single most important thing a victim of rape or sexual assault can do is tell someone - the police, a friend, a medical professional, etc. Rape or sexual assault, whether by a stranger or someone you know, is a violation of your body, your trust and your right to choose. The following are recommended procedures to follow:

- A. Do not shower, wash or change your clothes.
- B. Do not brush your teeth.
- C. Preserve any evidence such as clothing, used condoms, towels, tissue or other items which may be useful for investigation purposes.
- D. If the incident occurs on campus, contact the Campus Police at (205) 856-6093. If the incident occurs off campus, contact 911.
- E. Victims may also contact other college officials such as the director of Student Services or the Dean, Campus Development/Campus Services to get assistance in notifying appropriate law enforcement and medical personnel.
- F. Seek medical attention immediately. Campus Police at (205) 856-6093 can assist in seeking medical attention. Also, local emergency medical services can be contacted by dialing 911.
- G. Seek counseling to assist with mental and emotional trauma. Information concerning counseling services available through various agencies can be obtained in the Office of Campus Police.
- H. Birmingham Crisis Center (Rape Response) is available for victims of sexual abuse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All services are free and confidential. Phone number: 205-323-7777