SEXUAL VIOLENCE occurs when someone is forced or coerced into any physical sexual act, such as unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, assault or battery, or rape, without agreeing or consenting.

SEXUAL ASSAULT is any non-consensual sexual act, such as unwanted oral, anal or vaginal intercourse, penetration of the anus or vagina with a foreign object, or unwanted touching on an intimate area of a person’s body. This can include unwanted kissing or bodily contact that is sexual in nature.

RAPE is forced sexual intercourse that involves the threat of violence, immediate and unlawful bodily injury, or threats of future retaliation and duress. Non-consensual sex is rape.

CONSENT FOR SEXUAL CONTACT means that a person is willing to engage in sexual activity. Both parties need to give consent for the sexual activity to be consensual. No one should ever assume consent. A person may be unable to give consent because of fear, having an illness or disability that makes them incapable of giving consent, or incapacitation due to drugs or alcohol.
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**IN AN EMERGENCY OR DURING A CRIME IN PROGRESS:**
Call 9-1-1 or SDSU Police at (619) 594-1991

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT:**
(619) 531-2000

**SDSU TITLE IX COORDINATOR:**
Jessica Rentto,
Associate Vice President of Administration
(619) 594-6017

**SDSU TITLE IX DEPUTY COORDINATORS:**
For students:
Lee Mintz, Director,
Sara Vogel, Investigator
Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities
(619) 594-3069

For faculty, staff and visitors:
Heather Bendinelli, Director
Chinemerem Chukwu, Investigator
Office of Employee Relations and Compliance
(619) 594-6464

For athletics:
Jenny Bramer, Executive
Associate Athletic Director/SWA Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
(619) 594-0394

**NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE:**
(800) 656-HOPE / (800) 656-4673

**SAN DIEGO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:**
(888) DV-LINKS / (888) 385-4657

**CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS – SAN DIEGO:**
If you need help now, call (888) 385-4657

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**LET'S TALK about what to do if your student tells you they have experienced a sexual assault:**

**LISTEN:** Create a safe place for your student to talk with you. Allow them to share with you — on their terms. Watch your own reaction. Believe their story without questioning the details.

**BE SUPPORTIVE:** Sexual violence is never the victim's fault. Make sure your student understands they are not to blame. They may try to list everything they did to cause the assault to occur, so reassure them the person who committed the crime is always responsible — never the victim.

**GET HELP:** It's important to seek medical, counseling, and legal assistance as soon as possible. Call a rape crisis hotline or SDSU Police for help. Connect your student with resources for additional support.

If your student reaches out to you with immediate need:

» Get them to a safe place.
» Call the police immediately.
» Tell them not to shower, bathe, douche or destroy any of the clothing worn at the time of the assault.
» Instruct them to leave alone anything in the area where the assault occurred to preserve all physical evidence.
» Help them to access emergency medical care.
» Help them write down anything they can remember about the assault.

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