

Dating Violence

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Dating violence is a concern on every university campus, but there are ways to protect yourself against even the most severe kinds of violence and to help keep your friends safe too.

Rape happens when a person uses physical strength, emotional bargaining, bullying, blackmail, alcohol, or drugs to force someone to have sex. The truth is that we are more likely to be victimized by someone we know such as friend, relative, or acquaintance than a total stranger. If you have not really consented to having sexual contact with someone it is a crime.

Be extra careful about meeting people online. Know your limits and communicate them to your partner. Avoid drugs or alcohol which can compromise your ability to make smart decisions and to be fully aware of your surroundings.

If something does happen, know that there are people you can talk to. UCF Victim Services offers crisis support, victim advocacy, and more information about these issues. Its advocates are available to help any UCF student, faculty, or staff member. You can reach UCF Victim Services at (407) 823-2425 or visit www.victimservices.ucf.edu to find out more.

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