

**What is sexual assault?** Sexual assault is any involuntary sexual act in which a person is threatened, coerced, bribed, tricked, or forced to engage against their will, or any sexual touching of a person who has not consented.

- » Sexual assault is a crime.
- » Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse and Non-Consensual Sexual Contact are violations of university policy.

### What to do After an Assault

- Go to a safe place.
- Do NOT shower, bathe, douche, use the restroom, have a drink or brush your hair and/or teeth. Place all of your clothes into a brown paper grocery bag (not a plastic bag). It is important to preserve evidence, even if you don't want to report a crime to the police.
- Tell someone you trust who can provide emotional support and objectively help you plan for your next step.
- You may seek medical care either at a local hospital emergency room or the Safe Center in Knoxville. If you would like to have evidence collected (even if you aren't sure about pressing charges), we recommend having a sexual assault nurse examiner examine you.
- Schedule an appointment with a counselor at the Carson-Newman Counseling Center or at the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of East Tennessee.

### Reporting the Incident

Carson-Newman strongly encourages individuals to report sexual assault, stalking and dating violence to appropriate officials. This is the only way that action may be taken to keep you and the campus safe. A student may report the incident to the University regardless of whether the student chooses to press formal criminal charges with local police.

### Confidentiality

University employees other than licensed clinical social workers in the Counseling Center, pastoral counselors in the Campus Ministries Department and health care workers in the Wellness Center cannot guarantee strict confidentiality. The University does attempt to protect the privacy and identity of any student who reports sexual assault to the maximum extent possible under the circumstances. Your information may need to be disclosed to other University officials in order for them to respond. Students are encouraged to report an incident to any of the following officials:

- Emergency 911
- Carson-Newman Safety and Security (865) 471-3237
- Jefferson City Police Department (865) 475-2002
- Carson-Newman Dean of Students (865) 471-3238
- Carson-Newman Title IX Coordinator (865) 471-7164

If you are unsure of how to proceed or want to talk **confidentially** to a professional counselor, you may contact C-N's Counseling Center or the 24/7 Sexual Assault Crisis Center of East Tennessee hotline.

- Carson-Newman Counseling Center (865) 471-3530
- Carson-Newman Health Services/Campus Nurse (865) 471-3350
- Sexual Assault Center of East TN 24 Hour Hotline (888) 522-5244
- RAINN 1-800-656-4673

### University Assistance

Carson-Newman may offer available assistance with:

- A modification in campus housing assignment
- An adjusted class schedule
- Alternate work study placement
- Counseling and Health services
- The campus disciplinary process
- Reporting the incident to the local police/obtaining a no contact order

For additional information regarding policies and procedures followed by Carson-Newman University in the event of a reported sexual assault, please see the Eagle Student Handbook and the Eagle Eye Security Guide, both online at [www.cn.edu](http://www.cn.edu).