

SEXUAL
assault

AWARENESS & SAFETY

— explained for —

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Beyond a Brochure:
Training International Students
on Sexual Assault Awareness

Student Stories: Cultural Backgrounds Explored



Cultural Views on Sexual Assault:
International Student Stories

Link: www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/explained/cultural-views-sexual-assault-video.php

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Agenda

- Introduction to Sexual Assault and Consent
- Sexual Assault Awareness - Staying Safe/Bystander Intervention
- Dealing with an Incident
- Resources
- Q&A

Sexual Assault Statistics

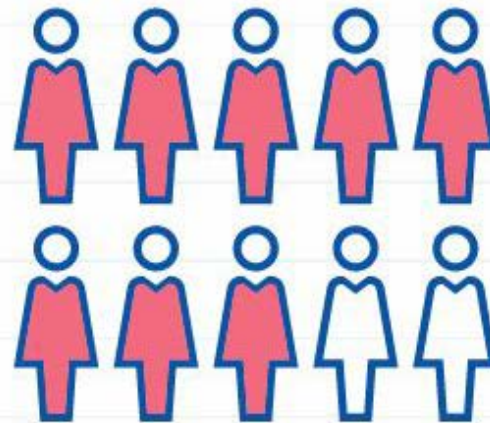


1 IN **5** WOMEN
ARE **SEXUALLY**
ASSAULTED
WHILE IN COLLEGE¹

¹ Source: RAINN.org

Majority of Sexual Assaults are **Not Reported**

ONLY OF FEMALE¹
20 STUDENT
PER CENT VICTIMS
REPORT TO LAW
ENFORCEMENT



¹ Source: RAINN.org

Consent

Additional Challenges for International Students

International students bring their respective cultures and expectations to the United States. A victim will face many obstacles but there are additional barriers including:

- Language
- Cultural differences
- Lack of support network
- Lack of financial resource
- High academic pressures
- Impact on their immigration status

Consent *for* International Students

Consent has many definitions in different countries. This is a key concept to helping your international students understand consent.

In the US, consent is **NOT**:

- Marriage/being in a relationship
- A person's clothing
- Flirting/Kissing/Touching
- Being incapacitated
- Previous consent
- Being under the legal age of consent

Sexual Assault and Consent

In the United States, sexual assault is when a sexual activity happens without the agreement of your partner. It's important that you have **consent** every step of the way.

Understanding Consent:

Consent means that a sexual activity is agreed upon by **both parties every step of the way**

- Verbal: “Yes”, “I’m open to trying”, or other verbal agreement
- Physical queues

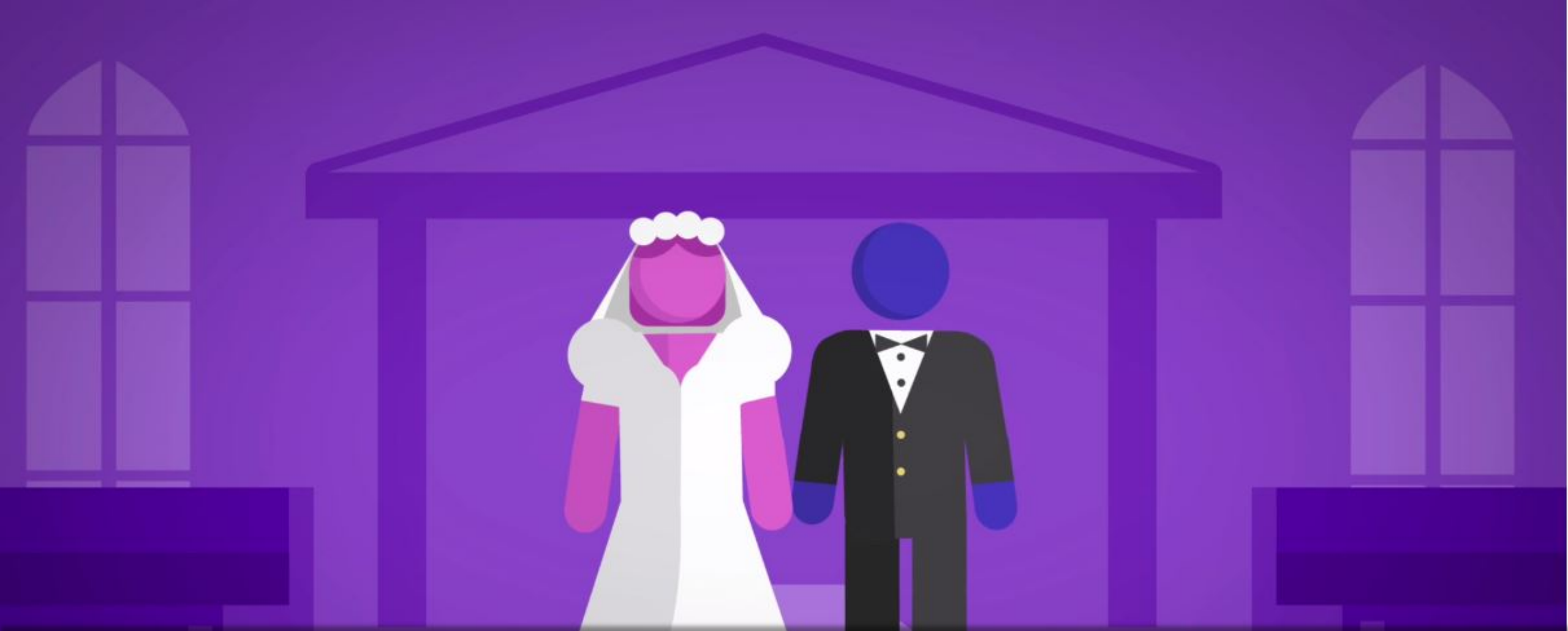
Ongoing Consent

YES



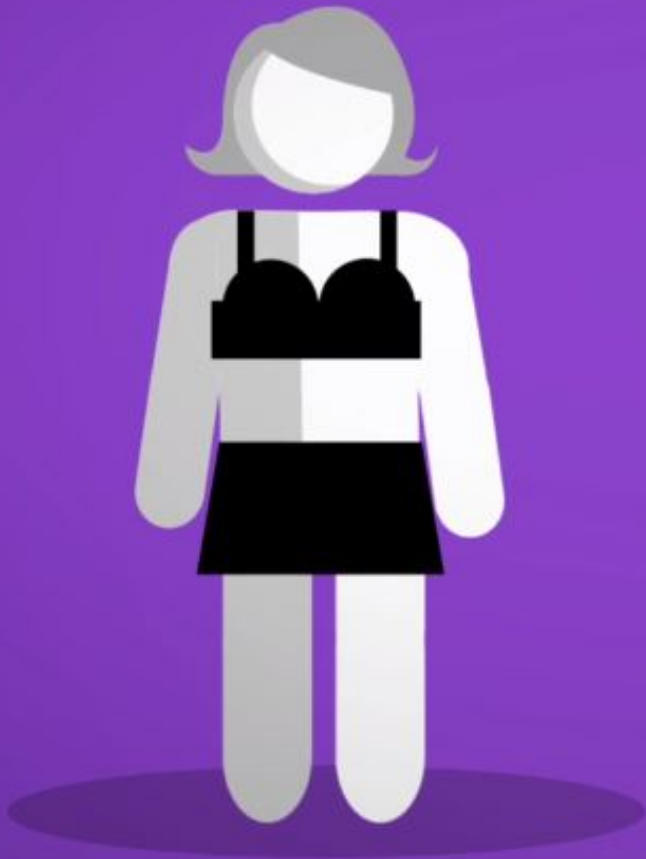
NO





Marriage is **NOT** consent

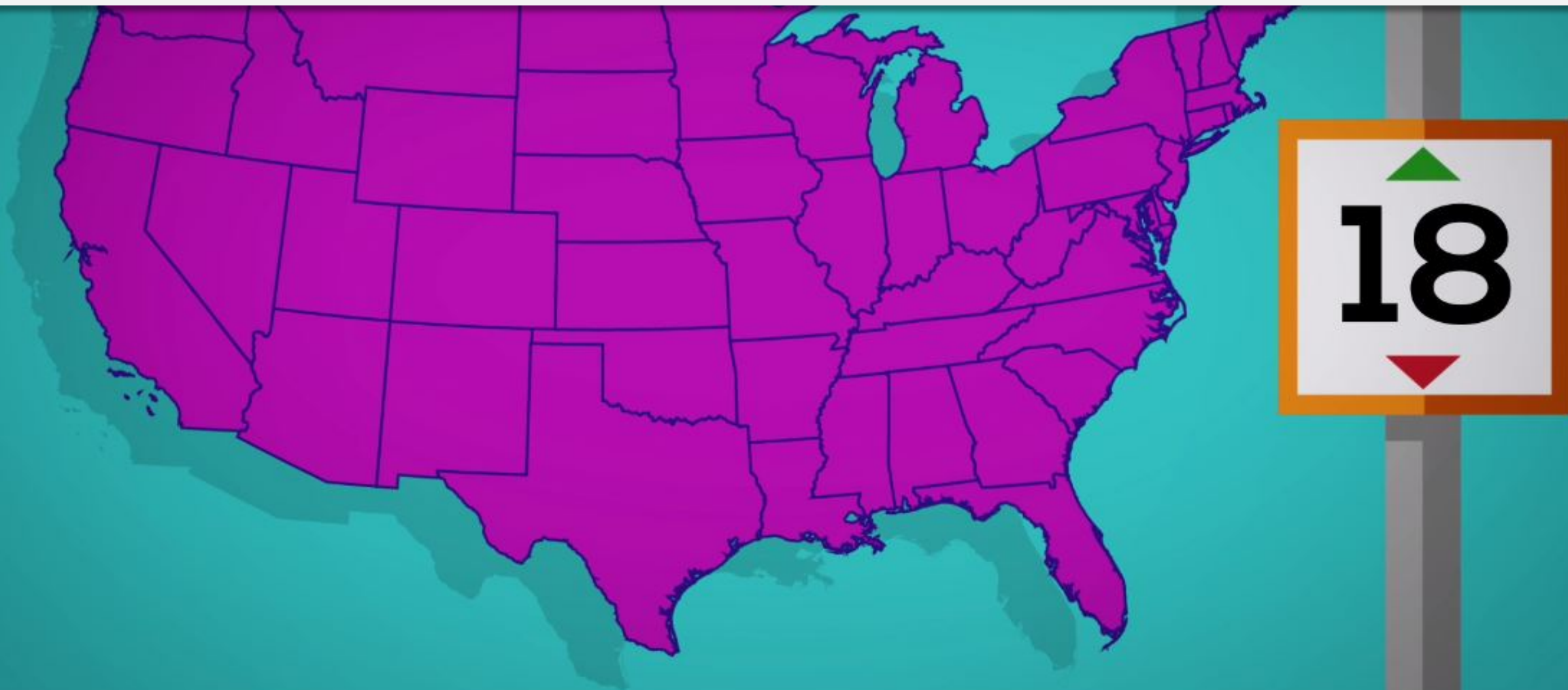
Do **NOT** make assumptions about a person's clothing



Being incapacitated is **NOT** consent



Being under the legal age of **Consent**



Interactive Group Scenarios

SA activity

Identifying Consent

Interactive Group Scenarios

Peter and Stacey are dating and have talked about waiting to have sex. One evening while Peter and Stacey were making out, Peter gets caught up in the moment and decides to go for it. He asks Stacey quickly, she responds with “I’m not sure, I guess, okay,” but doesn’t stop him immediately and they begin having sex. After a few minutes, Stacey pushes him off her and asks Peter to leave. Later, her roommate hears her crying in the next room. The next day, Peter calls and says he is sorry but says that she had agreed to have sex before they even started. He doesn’t understand why Stacey is upset.

Sexual Assault Awareness

Staying Safe/Bystander Intervention

Sexual Assault Awareness Training - SWOSU

- A topic included in a one credit hour orientation class taught each semester for first time students - I teach sections for international students
- Topic was added three years ago due to a campus wide initiative from our Title IX officer
- Another opportunity to assure new students that we as an office and as a university are concerned about them.

Content of SA Awareness Training - SWOSU

- A worldwide problem - I've lived in 4 different countries and have observed struggles in all
- Each country has their own laws about this - since we are in the USA we need to be aware of laws in the USA.
 - Example of domestic violence observed in one country
 - Centrality of 'consent' in the legal system in the USA
 - Show videos
 - ✓ ISI video
 - ✓ "Cup of Tea" youtube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGoWLWS4-kU>
- Encourage discussion but this is often a struggle
- Assure students there people at the university to help students who feel they have been a victim.

Staying safe - Safety on Campus

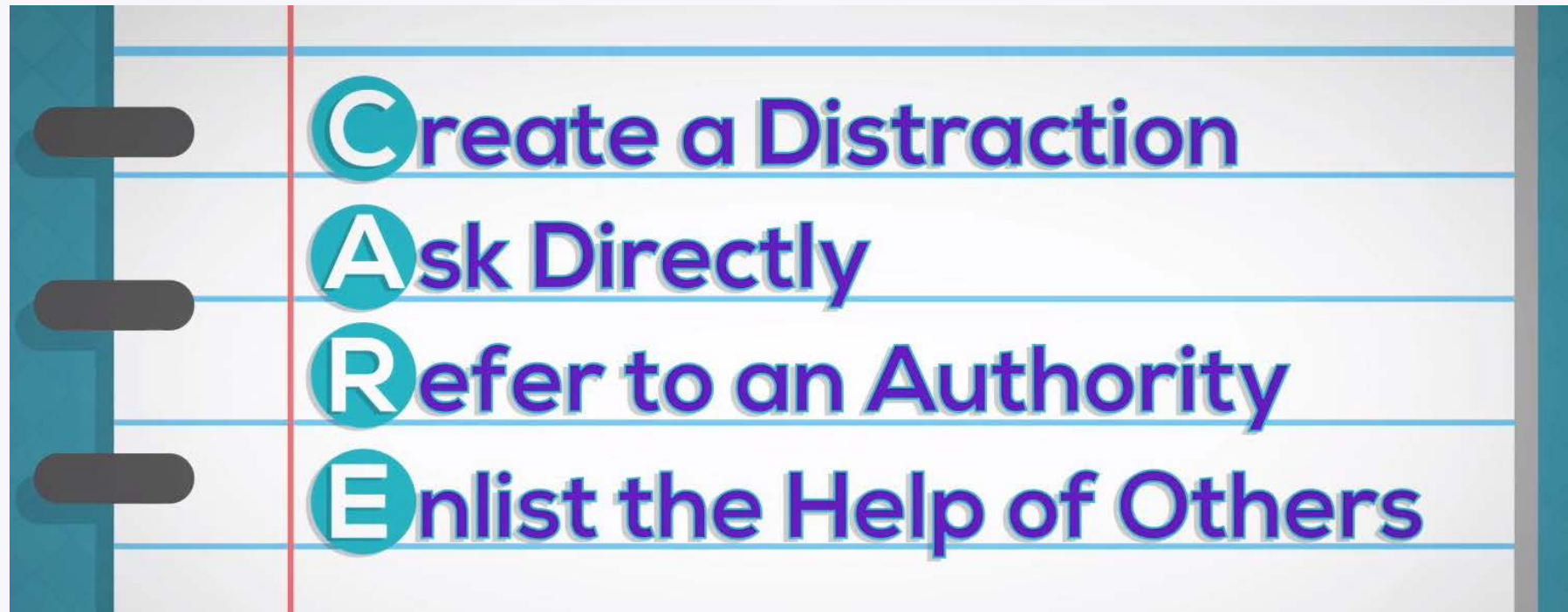
Informing your international students on ways to staying safe on campus and actively care for their peers:

- Build a relationship with your students
- Know your on-campus resources
- Encourage your students to be active bystanders

Bystander Intervention involves developing the awareness and courage needed to intervene in a situation when another individual needs help.

Staying safe - Bystander Intervention

When it comes to taking a stand and helping someone in need, you students can use CARE:



Sexual Assault Training - Questions for Discussion

- Is sexual assault awareness training a part of your office's training for international students?
 - What is the context that you do it in?
 - ✓ Stand alone or part of initial orientation?
 - If so, what aspects do you feel are particularly effective?
 - What aspects would you change?
- How likely is it that sexual assault awareness training will be a formal part of the training your office provides in the future?

Dealing with an Incident

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Safety is the #1 priority. Let the student know if you are a mandatory reporter, and help the student reach a safe location. Make sure they know it's not their fault.

Inform victims of their rights and options. Students victims of sexual assault may:

- Choose to report it to the police
- Choose to file a report with the school
- Seek medical assistance
- Find counseling and support services

Title IX and International Students

- Protects all students regardless of national origin, immigration status or citizenship status
- Ensure that reporting forms, information or training about sexual violence be provided in a manner accessible to English learners
- Title IX officer must confer with DSO/international student office to ensure student stays in status during any accommodation

SWOSH - Our Title IX Officer's Procedure

- Each school must appoint a Title IX officer to oversee compliance
- Begins investigation - Investigation must conclude within 14 days but usually completed within 1 or 2 days
- Act promptly to:
 - End the harassment
 - Remedy the effects
 - Prevent the recurrence

Seeking Help

Go to a safe place - **the Student's safety is #1 priority**

Talk to someone

- The student may consider reaching out to someone. They may choose to talk to you, a friend, family member. You can also suggest the student reach out to RAINN hotline which is completely anonymous.

Go to a nearby medical facility

- In centers.rainn.org, you can find local clinics where the student may get medical attention.

ISI Sexual Assault Training

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Free multimedia training program designed to raise awareness among international students about common sexual assault issues.



Powerpoint Presentation

Comprehensive, professionally designed presentation to walk your students through the program.



Video Content

Two videos on sexual assault awareness and student perceptions from around the world.



Student Handout

A downloadable student guide take-away, or we can supply hard copies, to distribute to students.



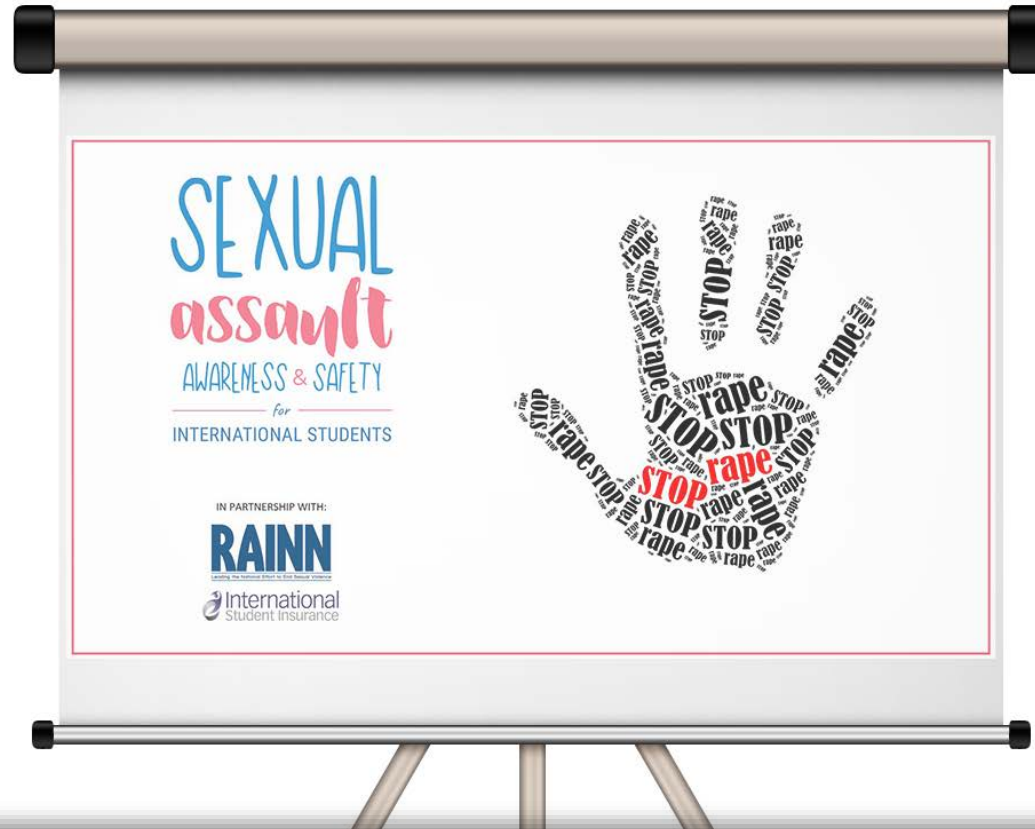
Interactive Activities

Activities that allow students to form into groups and learn about sexual assault & consent.



Proctor Guide

Complete guide to walk you through the program and how to present the session to students.



Presentation

Proctor Guide



Proctor Guide

Slide 2:

Session Overview

- What is Sexual Assault and Consent in the US?
- Staying Safe
- Cultural Backgrounds and Differences
- Seeking Help
- How Your School Can Help



In today's discussion, we are going to cover what sexual assault is. You'll notice that when discussing the definition of sexual assault, the most important word you'll hear is consent. Not only will you know what consent is by the end of the presentation, but hopefully it's a concept that you'll include in every relationship you have. Then, we'll discuss staying safe including what you can do to keep yourself, and your friends, safe by taking a few extra precautions. Like in any place, you always want to be smart and cautious. We'll then look at the topic from other student's perspectives, including laws and cultural norms around the world. Finally, if something were to happen, we'll explain your options, and what we can do as your school to help.

Main Talking Points:

- Roadmap of what we are going to discuss: sexual assault, consent, staying safe, norms around the world, and what do if something happens.

Slide 3:

Introduction to Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault Statistics



Statistics from RAINN.org

This is why we are here today. 11.2% of all undergraduate and graduate students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation. To give you an idea of how many people that is, that is 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men on college campuses. To put that into perspective, that is 2 people who are sexually assaulted for every 1 robbery. Because of this, today's conversation is very important and relevant.

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- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men on college campuses
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Slide 4:

What is Sexual Assault?



Can someone explain to me what sexual assault is?

<wait for someone to volunteer>

Slide 5:

Introduction to Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault Definition:

In the United States, sexual assault is when a sexual activity happens without the agreement of your partner. It's important that you have consent every step of the way.



Source: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/sexual-assault>

Sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that is done without the consent of the other person.¹ It can be anything from touching someone in a sexual way or trying to have sex without the agreement of the other person.

Main Talking Points:

- Sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior without consent
- Touching someone in a sexual way or trying to have sex

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Student Activities

Activity #1: What Does It Look Like?

Topic:

Consent

Instructions:

In your group, please have one person read the following questions. After each question, discuss your responses as a group. Take notes as you'll be asked to share your responses at the end of the activity.

Questions:

1. What does it look like or sound like when someone is interested in you?
2. What does it look like or sound like when someone is **NOT** interested in you?
3. What are some non-verbal cues/body language that say "no"?
4. What does it look like or sound like when someone wants you to buy them a drink?
5. What are some non-verbal cues/body language to indicate that someone wants you to kiss them?

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Sexual Assault Awareness Video

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RAINN
National Sexual Assault Hotline
800-656-4673

**International
Student Insurance**

After an Assault

If you have been assaulted, remember that you are not alone, what happened is not your fault, and there is help available.



1. Safety First - Make sure you are in a safe place and contact someone you trust for support.

2. It's Not Your Fault - Something happened to you that you did not want, and it is not your fault.



3. Seek Help or Support - Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline toll-free at 800-656-4673 or online.rainn.org.

This confidential resource will connect you to a trained staff member who is there to help and can walk you through your medical and reporting options. The actions you take from there will be up to you!

Visa Requirements

Following a sexual assault, you may choose to access academic accommodations, such as withdrawing from classes or reducing your workload. (If your visa requires that you maintain a full-time course load, work with your PDSO (Principal Designated School Official) for approval or talk to your International Student Advisor for advice. This approval can be given for either academic reasons (once per program) or medical reasons (12 months).

Title IX/School Obligations

Your school is federally obligated to make immediate and effective efforts to end sexual harassment and sexual violence. Under Title IX, your school is required to:



Protect you



Cannot discourage you from continuing your education



Have an established procedure to ensure your safety



Take immediate action to ensure you can continue your education



May not retaliate against someone filing a complaint



Provide the option of a no contact directive to your attacker

Provide you with the opportunity to formally present your case against the perpetrator

Provide reasonable accommodations, like room changes, for no additional cost

Contact your Title IX Coordinator if you would like to make a formal report to your school.

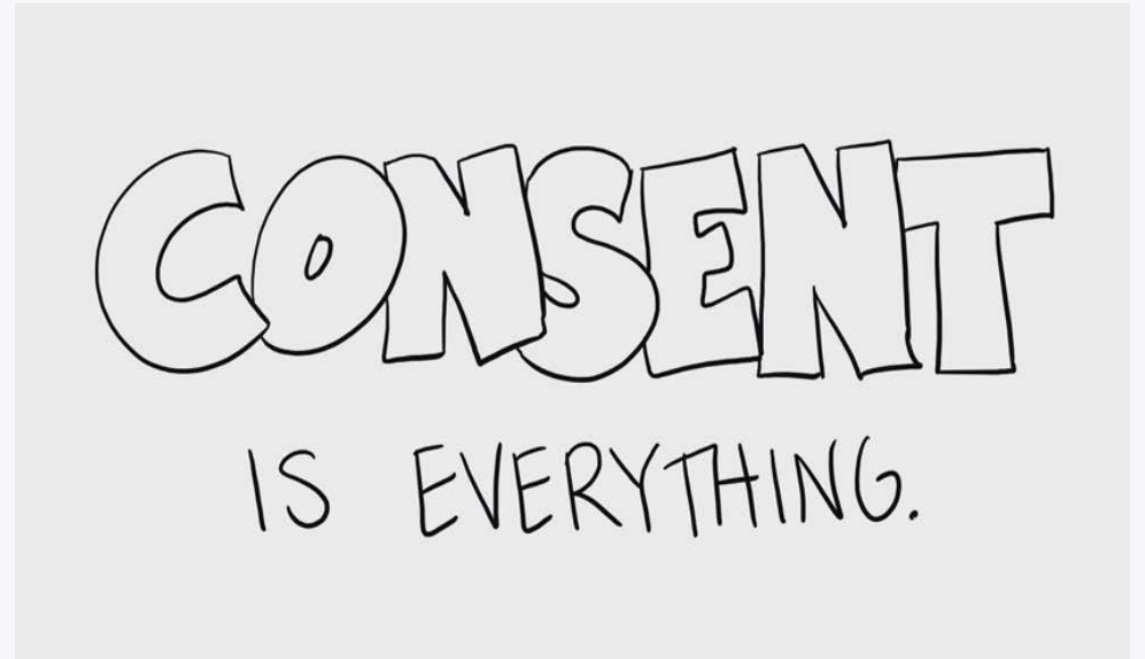
**REMEMBER, YOU ARE UNDER NO
OBLIGATION TO REVEAL YOUR
ASSAULT TO YOUR PDSO**

Additional Resources

Additional Video Resources



[TED Talk - A Call To Men \(Athletes\)](#)



[Consent Video Resource: Tea Consent](#)



National Sexual Assault Hotline

- Runs the 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline
- Free & Confidential
- Call: 800.656.HOPE(4673)

Prevention Navigator

- Find sexual assault prevention programs

Find Sexual Assault Service Providers

- Identifies independent providers to help survivors in your area



Students that are exposed to themes like **sexual assault** and educated in **consent** and bystander intervention are at **less risk**.

Q & A

Thank you!