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SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

USCB provides information and materials on the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual harassment and other sex offenses through the use of special programs, University 101 classes and pamphlets available to students. Hope Haven of the Lowcountry, the local Rape Crisis Center, may be used as a referral agency and will work in partnership with USCB to provide workshops and presentations on prevention and awareness.

Any student who experiences a sexual offense from anyone associated with the University community may contact a Campus Violence Prevention Representative or Hope Haven at (800) 637-7273. On the military bases, military security should be notified. Students should be aware that they may notify the proper law enforcement authorities and that Campus Victim Services Representatives are available for assistance in seeking medical attention and/or counseling services, reporting a crime and other referrals as necessary.

University officials may notify students of options for, and assistance in, changing academic situations after an alleged sexual assault incident if requested by the victim and if these changes are reasonably available. Every possible arrangement will be made to ensure the safety and functional capacity of the victim in such situations. While an investigation is being conducted, the University will assist the victim in avoiding the alleged assailant(s) by changing class and campus work schedules when possible.

IF AN ASSAULT OCCURS:

- Get to a safe place and call 911 or Hope Haven at (800) 637-7273. The sooner a sexual assault is
- reported, the easier it is to collect valuable evidence.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible. Area hospitals Coastal Carolina Medical Center, Beaufort Memorial Hospital and Hilton Head Regional Medical Center are equipped to serve victims of sexual assault. The hospital may call Hope Haven to arrange for an advocate to accompany the victim throughout the exam.
- To facilitate evidence collection, the victim should not bathe, urinate or douche prior to the exam. If oral contact has been made, do not eat, drink, brush teeth or smoke. Doing any of these things may destroy crucial evidence. If clothes are changed, keep soiled clothes (and other evidence if available) in a paper bag (plastic destroys evidence).

Possible sanctions that may be taken as a result of disorderly conduct on campus are outlined in the Student code of Conduct and the Policy for Non-Academic Grievances in

this Student Handbook. The Campus Violence Prevention Representative can assist with filing a complaint or grievance, notifying instructors of absences and/or helping a student withdraw. The USCB Criminal Victim Services Representative will notify the Vice Chancellor for Student Development regarding all incidents of sexual assault within the student body.

Campus Victim Services Representatives:

Phone: 208-8911

Hours: 24/7

Location: Department of Public Service