## DECIDING WHAT TO DO...

Students who have been sexually assaulted have many options and services available to them, both on and off campus.

Student Psychological Services is available to assist students in deciding what options are best for them following a sexual assault and in following through with the options available.

## YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO...

- Make a complaint to the Department of Public Safety.
- File a police report and take legal action separate from and/or in addition to filing a Student Conduct Code complaint seeking disciplinary action.
- An appointed advisor who will assist you through the judicial process.
- Be informed of the disciplinary finding (responsible or not responsible).
- Refuse any or all of the above opportunities.

## LMU RESOURCES

Department of Public Safety.....(310) 338-2893

Student Psychological Services .....(310) 338-2868

Student Health Center .....(310) 338-2881

Campus Ministry.....(310) 338-2860

Office of Judicial Affairs.....(310) 338-1821

Sexual Assault Point Person .....(310) 258-5493

Student Affairs Dean's Office.....(310) 338-3756

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Santa Monica Rape
Treatment Center.....(310) 319-4000

Centinela Freeman Regional
Medical Center, Marina Campus .....(310) 823-8911

Los Angeles Police Department
Rape Hotline..... (626) 793-3385

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**The Office of Judicial Affairs**

P (310) 338-1821
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GUIDE TO LMU'S

# Sexual Assault Protocol

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## WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault is any form of sexual penetration—oral, anal, or vaginal—where the victim does not or is unable to give knowing consent. Sexual assault is also called rape. Acquaintance rape is sexual assault perpetrated by someone the victim knows. Date rape is a sexual assault that occurs while on a date.

## IF A SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENS TO YOU...

- Get to a safe place.
- Notify Department of Public Safety, Local Police Agency or Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center.
- Call the Sexual Misconduct Point Person or Residence Life Staff member.
- Do not bathe, douche, use the toilet or change clothing.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible.
- Seek counseling services.
- Call a close friend.

## COMMON RESPONSES TO SEXUAL ASSAULT

- A person's self-esteem often diminishes after an assault or abuse. Frequently the person feels ashamed, humiliated, guilty, angry and powerless.
- A person's attitude toward their body may be negatively affected. This change may lead to self abuse (e.g. alcohol and drug abuse, overeating, self-mutilation, etc.).
- A person may find it difficult to trust and to be intimate with others.
- A person may not want sexual intimacy for some time or may engage in risky sexual behaviors.
- A person may experience flashbacks of the incident.
- A person may experience fear of being alone and fear of a future attack.
- A person may experience nightmares or other sleep disturbances.
- A person may not be able to concentrate and focus. This can affect academic and/or job performance.

## HOW TO HELP

- Talk, listen, respect and be emotionally available to the person.
- Understand and accept the fact that the assault/abuse happened.
- Understand that it is not the person's fault.
- Suggest options and actions (medical, psychological and other assistance), but let the person decide what action to take.
- Let the person talk about the incident, but don't force a discussion.
- Give the person time to heal. Be patient and understand that the healing process takes time.
- You can help by encouraging and accompanying the person to obtain medical attention.
- If the person wishes to seek criminal action, it should be done as soon as possible after the incident.

## SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POINT PERSON

An LMU Sexual Misconduct Point Person will be available to separately assist the complainant in identifying University and external resources that are available to them in the context of alleged sexual assault. A Sexual Misconduct Point Person is a member of the Division of Student Affairs who is trained to assist the parties in this process and explain the University's judicial process in cases of alleged Student Conduct Code violations relating to sexual misconduct. The Point Person is not an advocate.

*The role of the Point Person is to:*

- provide information regarding on and off campus resources.
- explain all stages of the LMU Student Conduct Code and Judicial Affairs process.
- provide information, explanation and review to allow for informed decisions.

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