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Sexual assault, rape, and other forms of sexual violence are NEVER the fault of the survivor or victim. Sexual assault can happen to anyone – any gender, sexual orientation, race, or age. Statistics indicate that about 80% of all sexual assaults occur between people who know each other. Alcohol is frequently involved. Even if you were drinking or drunk, the assault was not your fault, and you deserve help and fair treatment.

A. If you have been sexually assaulted or victimized:

You have control of the choices you can make following your assault. Your safety and medical wellbeing is the first priority and of utmost importance. Once your safety is secured, there are a few actions you can take to greatly increase the chances of bringing your perpetrator to justice. The following are recommendations to assist you:

1. Do not blame yourself. Sexual assault is never the survivor's fault.
2. Make sure you are safe from further harm.
3. Call someone you trust, such as a friend, the police, and/or one of the resources listed below. Although you do not have to report the incident, you have many options if you do. If you do report, resources to ensure your wellbeing can and will be provided once you report.
4. Go to the emergency room for medical care (see Medical Attention below). Medical attention is vital, as you may have injuries of which you are unaware. Medical providers can also test you for sexually transmitted infections, provide emergency contraception if desired, and collect evidence in case you want to pursue criminal charges in the future.
5. If you have already changed clothes, place them in a paper bag (plastic destroys evidence). If you have not yet changed, keep the original clothes on, and bring an extra set to wear home from the hospital. Your clothes may be kept for evidence.
6. Even if the assault occurred sometime in the past (weeks, months or even years ago), the resources below can offer emotional support and guidance, as well as help you understand your options for medical, emotional, legal, and/or academic support.

Remember, the assault was NOT your fault. There are people at Mines and in the community who will believe you and support you as you decide what to do.



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B. If a friend has been sexually assaulted or victimized:

1. Listen and be supportive. Do not be judgmental. Believe your friend and make sure her or his needs are being met.
2. Let your friend make her or his own choices.
3. Encourage your friend immediately to follow the above procedures and contact one of the resources below.
4. Stay with your friend during interviews and examinations, if they want you to do so.
5. Take care of yourself. You may need to talk with someone about how this has affected you. The resources listed in this policy are for you as well.
6. If you know the perpetrator, do not confront him or her.

C. Resources and Reporting Procedures:

The following on- and off-campus resources are available for you to report a sexual assault or other sexual violence incident. You may contact any of the following offices for assistance (listed in no particular order). Each resource may have different available hours and different confidentiality requirements, which are explained here.

Police: (either Mines Police or Golden Police may respond) – call 911, available 24/7

On-Campus Resources:

- **Karin Ranta-Curran**, Director of Title IX and Equity Compliance/ Title IX Coordinator; Moly Building Room 112, Telephone: 303.384.2558; Email: kcurran@mines.edu
- **Rebecca Flintoft**, Director of Auxiliary Services and Deputy Title IX Coordinator; Student Center 218; Telephone: 303.273.3050; Email: rflintof@mines.edu
- **Brent Waller**, Director of Residence Life and Housing and Deputy Title IX Coordinator; Campus Living Office, Elm Hall; Telephone: 303.273.3046; Email: bwaller@mines.edu
- **Residence Life Coordinator on-call**, cell: 303-384-2199, available 24/7
- **Counseling Center**, office: 303-273-3377, Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm, W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center (confidential resource)
- **Student Health Center** – office: 303-273-3381, 8 am – 12 pm, 1pm – 4:45 pm, Monday-Friday, W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center
- **Any Resident/ Community Assistant (RA or CA) in the residence halls, or any Hall/ Community Director (HD or CD) in Mines Park** – On-duty staff are available every night during the academic year.

Off-Campus Resources:

- **Victim Outreach Incorporated (VOI)** - provides comprehensive assistance to citizens and their families during trauma recovery and the subsequent criminal justice process. If you report to police, a VOI victim advocate can be



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requested to respond in person, typically within 20-30 minutes. If you choose not to report to law enforcement, you can reach VOI by phone.

- Phone: 303-202-2196 (24-hour hotline)
- Website: www.victimoutreach.org

- **The Blue Bench - confidential** non-Mines resource for sexual assault/crisis counseling and referrals (24-hour phone hotline):
 - English: 303-322-7273
 - Spanish: 303-329-0031
 - Website: www.thebluebench.org

Confidentiality:

The following resources can provide appropriate referral and response for survivors of sexual violence. The following resources are entirely confidential (exceptions apply for victims under age 18):

- Counseling Center (on-campus)
- Health Center (on-campus)
- The Blue Bench (off-campus)

Please be aware that other Mines employees are required to inform Mines' Title IX Coordinator and the Mines Police Department if they learn of an alleged sexual violence incident. Although the Mines Police Department or campus administrators will be informed in some cases, the survivor is always in control of the decision whether to speak to police or campus administrators. No campus office will release the names of survivors to the media or public. Some campus offices may need to be notified about the incident regarding safety concerns for others, but names will not be released. If you notify the police, you have many reporting options that are outlined below.

D. Medical Attention:

Medical care is available to you anytime after a sexual assault or violence incident. Especially in the first 7 days after a sexual assault or other incident, medical concerns like pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STI) or injuries may be important to address. Although treatment is encouraged as soon as possible after an assault, treatment is available and may help to put your mind at ease even after 5 to 7 days. There is a difference between getting *treatment* from a medical professional and having *medical evidence* taken for possible investigation.

Treatment:

If you have injuries related to a sexual assault or sexual violence incident, and want treatment but no evidence collection, please go to the doctor or emergency room.

If you do not want or feel you need an emergency room visit, but are worried about STIs or pregnancy, emergency contraception and/or STI treatment is available if you choose



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at the Student Health Center, (303) 273-3381. (STI testing and/or prescriptions will be your financial responsibility.)

Evidence Collection/ SANE (Sexual Assault) Forensic Nurse Exam:

A highly trained Forensic Nurse does the exam and evidence collection at a hospital emergency room. It is helpful, although not critical, to preserve evidence by avoiding bathing or changing clothes. You can also keep any clothes you wore during an assault in a paper bag and bring them with you. If you have bathed or changed clothes, that's okay; it is still possible to collect evidence.

You can have the SANE Forensic Nurse exam done even if you do not know whether or not you want to report the incident to the police. The Forensic Nurse can explain your reporting options. If you think there is a possibility that you will decide to report to the police, it is best to get the exam done as early as possible, but evidence can often be collected up to 5 to 7 days later. The exam itself will be paid for by the state, regardless of whether or not you choose to press criminal charges. St. Anthony's Hospital (information below) will also provide antibiotics and emergency contraception free of charge. Other hospitals may charge for these additional costs. There may be financial assistance available through VOI or other state agencies to cover costs not paid by the state or insurance. You will also have the option to apply for Crime Victim Compensation, which may cover a variety of costs that are incurred.

Emergency Room/ SANE Forensic Nurse Exam Location:

Mines community members who would like to seek emergency medical care and/or SANE Forensic Nurse exam are encouraged to do so at St. Anthony Hospital Emergency Department in Lakewood, CO. There is no cost to the patient for this exam. They will not bill insurance or contact parents for any victim who is at least 13 years old.

St. Anthony Hospital, Emergency Department

Address: 11600 W. 2nd Place, Lakewood, CO 80228

Phone: 720-321-0000

Website: <http://www.stanthonyhosp.org/sah/home/>

Directions:

From 6th Avenue, exit South at the Simms/Union exit, then left on W. 2nd Pl. The Emergency Department entrance is located on the Southeast corner of the hospital at Routt and Healing Way.

[Click here for Google Map](#)

Transportation:

In addition to driving a personal vehicle, Mines students may also contact Mines Police for a ride to St. Anthony Hospital for a SANE Forensic Nurse exam by calling 303-273-



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3333 or 911. Transportation will be provided regardless of whether or not a survivor decides to file a police report.

Public transportation to St. Anthony Hospital is also available through RTD.

[Click here for RTD route information](#)

E. Other Help & Support:

You may have concerns about housing, academics and your relationships with family, friends, classmates, and the person who assaulted you. A variety of resources are available on- and off-campus to assist you (see resource list in Section C). For specific requests or referrals, please contact the On-Campus Resources listed in Section C.

Such support may take many forms, including, but not limited to the following:

- Providing referrals for counseling and victim's support services;
- Providing referrals for medical services;
- Arranging to re-take a course or withdraw from a class;
- Assistance with changes to campus housing, academic scheduling, and/or campus employment in the event that a survivor and perpetrator live or work in close proximity on campus, or have classes in common;
- Providing an escort between classes and activities on campus;
- Providing academic support services, such as tutoring;
- Issuing a "no contact order," a mutually binding order that requires both students to have no in-person, electronic, or third-person contact with one another and is enforceable through the School's Code of Conduct. As the order is mutually-binding, it can be issued without a formal complaint or investigation of the charges;
- Additional campus-wide, office or department specific training or access to assistance; and
- Information and support both for survivors and those looking to help survivors.

The survivor need not file a formal report or disclose the name of the perpetrator to receive support services.

If the name of a student perpetrator is disclosed to a School official, the School is required under federal law to investigate further and take any remedial actions deemed necessary. These actions will likely include, at minimum, a meeting with the perpetrator and the issuance of a no-contact order as described above. The survivor, however, is not required to file formal charges, nor meet face-to-face with the perpetrator if they do not wish to do so.

F. Reporting Options:

Reporting a sexual assault or other sexual violence incident is a deeply personal choice that only you can make. Survivors often make this decision based on the circumstances of their assault and their life situation, including whether or not they feel that they have friends or family who will support them through the process. Another factor for some



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survivors is the feeling that they would not want another person to be victimized by the same perpetrator.

Filing a *criminal report with law enforcement (police)* and filing *charges through the School's Code of Conduct process* are two ways of regaining some control, holding the perpetrator accountable for his or her actions, and taking a stand on your own and the community's behalf. For assistance in making a decision on whether or not to file criminal charges or charges through the School's Code of Conduct process, you may contact the following resources for consultation:

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- **Rebecca Flintoft**, Director of Auxiliary Services and Deputy Title IX Coordinator; Student Center 218; Telephone: 303.273.3050; Email: rflintof@mines.edu
- **Brent Waller**, Director of Residence Life and Housing and Deputy Title IX Coordinator; Campus Living Office, Elm Hall; Telephone: 303.273.3046; Email: bwaller@mines.edu
- **Mines Police (Public Safety)** Director, Greg Bohlen; Telephone: 303.273.3333 (or call 911 in an emergency)
- **VOI (Victim Outreach, Inc.)**, Telephone: 303.202.2196 (24-hour hotline), Website: www.victimoutreach.org

Anonymous reports may be accepted by Mines. Unless identifying information is provided, law enforcement cannot make an arrest based on an anonymous report, but it will provide useful information to law enforcement and Mines administration regarding the types of assaults that are occurring among the campus population.

If you do file an official criminal report, the Colorado School of Mines Department of Public Safety will not release your identifying information to the media or public. Reports of this nature are protected by state statute and are not open to public records release.

G. Adjudication Procedures:

For more information on the procedures related to pursuing charges against a student perpetrator of a sexual violence incident through Mines' Student [Code of Conduct](#) process, see the Policy Prohibiting Gender-Based Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Violence and the related procedures for reporting, making complaints or obtaining other information. See inside.mines.edu/POGO-Student.

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