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 race, age, or gender. 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. Do not shower, bathe, or douche. Try not to urinate if possible. The only way medical evidence can be collected is if it is left intact. If oral contact took place, do not smoke, eat, or brush your teeth.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. If the assault occurred sometime in the past, the resources below can offer emotional support and guidance, as well as help you understand your options for emotional, legal, and/or academic support. If the assault occurred more than 72 hours ago, you may also call the Student Health Center for a check-up, sexually transmitted infections tests and pregnancy test if necessary. Do tell them that it is an urgent situation. They can provide better care if they know about the assault; however, you are not required to tell them what happened.

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

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 she or he wants 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/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:**

- **Associate Dean of Students**, Derek Morgan – cell: 303-807-7647, available 24/7
- **Director of Housing**, Rebecca Flintoft, cell: 303-396-7905, available 24/7
- **Student Development & Academic Services (Counseling Center)**, office: 303-273-3377, Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm
- **W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center (Health Center)** – office: 303-273-3381, 8 am – 12 pm, 1pm – 4:45 pm, Monday-Friday
- **Associate Director of Housing**, Brent Waller, cell: 720-256-6773, available 24/7
- **Any Resident Assistant (RA), Hall Director (HD)**,– On-duty staff are posted in the residence halls every night during the academic year. RAs and HDs on-duty available 7pm-7am
- **Title IX Coordinator**, Rebecca Flintoft, office: 303-273-3050, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm

**Off-Campus Resources:**

- **Victim Outreach Information (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 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 only at 303-202-2196 (24-hour hotline). They cannot respond in person unless requested through police.
- **Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP)** - confidential non-Mines resource for sexual assault/crisis counseling and referrals (24-hour hotline):
  - English: 303-322-7273
  - Spanish: 303-329-0031
- **Metro Crisis Services** – confidential non-Mines resource for crisis counseling and mental health counseling, appropriate for survivors and/or friends/family: 888-885-1222 (24-hour hotline), [http://www.metrocrisisservices.org/](http://www.metrocrisisservices.org/)
• Each of these resources is trained to provide appropriate referral and response for survivors of sexual violence. The following resources are entirely confidential:

• Student Development & Academic Services (Counseling Center)
• W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center (Health Center)
• Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP)
• Metro Crisis Services

Colorado statute governs the requirements for health professionals to release confidential information.

Please be aware that the following resources, as well as many other Mines administrative staff, are required to inform their immediate supervisor if they learn of an alleged sexual violence incident. Beyond this notification of supervisor, these individuals will keep information in the strictest of confidence possible.

• Associate Dean of Students, Derek Morgan
• Director of Housing, Rebecca Flintoft
• Associate Director of Housing, Brent Waller
• Any Resident Assistant (RA), Hall Director (HD), or Residence Life Coordinator (RLC)

Although police 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 Mines Public Safety or Golden Police, you have many reporting options which are outlined below.

D. Medical Attention:

Especially in the first 72 hours after a sexual assault or violence incident, medical concerns like pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STI) or injuries may be important to address. Even after 72 hours have passed, treatment is available and may help to put your mind at ease. 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 violence incident, and want treatment but no evidence collection, please go to the doctor. Keep in mind that if you are under the age of 18 or have significant physical injury, doctors may be required to report the sexual violence incident to law enforcement. If so, you will still have many options. The choice will always remain yours.

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

Evidence Collection:
Evidence collection, often referred to as a “rape kit,” is done at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Lakewood or St. Anthony’s North Hospital in Westminster by trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). Even though it is common to want to bathe after a sexual assault, please do not do so if you want to have evidence collected, as some evidence might be lost. If you have bathed, it is still possible to collect evidence.

You can have the SANE exam done even if you do not know whether or not you want to report the incident to the police. If you think there is a possibility that you will decide to report to the police, it is best to get the SANE exam done as early as possible. The exam itself will be paid for by the state, regardless of whether or not you choose to press criminal charges. Anything not included in the SANE exam itself (emergency contraceptives, antibiotics, etc.), will be your financial responsibility. There may be help available through VOI or other state agencies to cover costs not paid by insurance.

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). The Vice President and Dean of Student Life office in Student Center 218 (specifically, Associate Dean, Derek Morgan and Director of Housing, Rebecca Flintoft) can assist you with the following:

- Information and support both for survivors and those looking to help survivors
- Counseling referrals
- Reporting to and/or working with law enforcement
- Assistance with gaining academic support
- No contact order - If the Vice President and Dean of Student Life office is notified about a sexual violence incident which occurred between two students, a “no contact order” is typically issued. This is 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.
- Scheduling or room changes – 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.

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 she/he does 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. There is no requirement that you must report the incident or prosecute the perpetrator. 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 survivors is the feeling that they would not want another person to be victimized by the same perpetrator.

Filing a criminal report with Mines Public Safety 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 School charges through the School’s Code of Conduct process, you may contact the following resources for consultation:

- Associate Dean of Students, Derek Morgan – (303) 273-3288, Student Center 218, dmorgan@mines.edu
- Victim Outreach Information (VOI) - provides comprehensive assistance to citizens and their families during trauma recovery and the subsequent criminal justice process. 303-202-2196 (24-hour hotline)
- Mines Public Safety (Police) Director, George Hughes– (303) 273-3333 (or call 911 in an emergency)

You may also choose to submit an Anonymous Sexual Violence Reporting Form to the School. Completing this form is an unofficial means to inform the Colorado School of Mines administration that a sexual violence incident has occurred. The form was developed to encourage reporting by students without risk of exposure or being forced to file charges, and yet allowing for students to receive needed resources.

Because the anonymous report is unofficial, law enforcement cannot make an arrest based on this 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. You may file an Anonymous Report whether or not you later file a criminal complaint, or use any of the internal adjudication options at Mines. The report itself is kept on file at the Mines Public Safety department. If you do file an official criminal complaint, the 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’ Code of Conduct process, see the following:

- Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment (includes sexual assault and sexual violence)
- Sexual Harassment Complaint, Investigation, Resolution and Adjudication Procedure for Complaints about Student Behavior