

SOWELA Confidential Advisors

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Under the CLERY ACT institutions must provide crime and fire statistics for the prior three years to the Department of Education. SOWELA statically reports all allegations of sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking offenses involving students, staff, faculty and /or visitors even if only campus and judicial sanctions result and no criminal charges are filed. Once SOWELA's data have been reviewed, they will be made available to the general public at: <http://ope.ed.gov/campussafety>.

SOWELA Technical Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Title Compliance Officer
Address 3820 Sen J Bennett Johnston Ave
Telephone No 337-421-6565 or 800-256-0483
Email complianceofficer@sowela.edu

On Campus:

Campus Security: 274-9790
Counseling Center: 421-6951
Student Support Services: 421-6969

Off Campus:

Lake Charles Police: 491-1456 or
911
Sheriff's Office: 491-3751
Oasis-A Haven for women and
children: 494-7273
Lake Charles Memorial Hospital ER:
494-3036

National Resource:

National Sexual Assault Hotline:
800-656-4673
Rape, Abuse, & Incest National
Network:
800-656-HOPE (4673)

SOWELA Technical Community College Counseling Center

Magnolia Bldg, Student Success Center
Hour of Operation: Mon.-Fri., 8am-4pm
Phone: 337-421-6971
<https://www.sowela.edu/personal-life-counseling>

Sexual Assault Awareness



Counseling Center
counseling@sowela.edu
337-421-6971

What is Sexual misconduct?

As defined by the Louisiana Board of Regents: is a sexual act or contact of a sexual nature that occurs, regardless of personal relationship, without the consent of the other person(s), or that occurs when the person(s) is unable to give consent or whose consent is coerced or obtained in a fraudulent manner

Per SOWELA's student handbook: Sexual assault is an act of violence in which a person subjects a victim to contact of a sexual nature against the victim's will. It is an illegal act on the SOWELA campus. Sexual assault includes rape, assault to commit rape, sexual battery, aggravated sexual battery, object rape, statutory rape, sodomy, aggravated sodomy public indecency, and stalking. Sexual assault, in its various forms, is defined under Louisiana law.

Common misconceptions about sexual assault

MYTHS	FACTS
Sexual assault victims are assaulted by strangers.	Approximately 80% of cases involve victims that were perpetrated on by acquaintances.
It's not sexual assault unless I'm attacked	Often times victims will state that they were not raped or sexually assaulted but when asked a different way or in "lesser language" such as were you coerced, forced, or done something against your will, answer yes.
Rape only happens to certain type of women	Sexual assault can happen to anyone no matter how they are dressed, age, race, class, religion, occupation, physical ability, or sexual identity.
Sexual assault is a crime of passion or desire	Sexual assault is a crime of violence, control, power, and anger- not passion or desire.
Males can't be sexually assaulted	Anywhere from 1 in 6 to 1 in 10 men have been assaulted
A rapist is easy to spot in the crowd	There is nothing distinguishable about rapist/perpetrators.
Women give mixed messages because they don't want to admit that they really want to have sex.	"Rape is a crime for which the perpetrator has responsibility. By understanding that rape is rape, regardless of the relationship between the parties, and regardless of the behavior of the survivor, the focus will stay on the perpetrator's behavior, not the victim's. "

*About news "Myths About Sexual Assault It's Never the Victim's Fault" by Charles Montaldo

What to do if you or a friend has been sexually assaulted?

- Get to a safe place and call 911 (if you're not able to get to a safe place call 911 anyway)
- Immediately notify a friend or relative
- Report to the nearest hospital
 - The SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) program located at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital can be reached by calling the emergency department at (337) 494-2187 . "The mission of the SWLA Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program is to meet the needs of the sexual assault victim. The program provides immediate, unbiased, compassionate, and comprehensive forensic evaluation and treatment by trained professionals."
 - Even if you don't feel that you are injured, go anyway.
 - An outreach advocate will meet you at the hospital.
 - From here, hospital staff can refer you to a counselor or support group

DO NOT do the following if you've been assaulted (doing so may destroy evidence):

- Bathe (take a shower or bath)
- Douche
- Eat
- Drink
- Change clothes (before going to the hospital)
 - If for some reason you have to change clothes, place them in a paper bag
- Urinate
- Comb Hair