

Rape and Sexual Assault

Crimes of a sexual nature may be reported to campus or local law enforcement in addition to being reported administratively on campus. **Both men and women can be victims of rape or sexual assault.** For purposes of this notice, Rape and Sexual Assault are defined below:

Rape is non-consensual intercourse that involves the threat of force, violence, immediate and unlawful bodily injury or threats of future retaliation and duress.

Sexual assault is broader in definition than rape. Any non-consensual sexual act may be considered sexual assault. Examples of sexual assault include unwanted oral, anal or vaginal intercourse, penetration of the anus or vagina with a foreign object, or unwanted touching on an intimate area of a person's body. Sexual assault can include unwanted kissing or bodily contact that is sexual in nature.

In order for a sexual act to be considered rape or sexual assault, the act must be non-consensual. What is consent?

Consent for sexual contact means that an individual is a willing participant in the sexual act.

Individuals are unable to give consent if incapacitated by the influence of drugs or alcohol or they suffer from a physical or mental disorder that makes them incapable of giving consent.

Likewise, a minor is unable to give legal consent for sexual intercourse.

Excerpt taken from **CSU Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Statement (including facts and myths)** [May, 2012].