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Policy Content

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1. Sexual assault, including rape, is a violation of Trinity University's Standards of Conduct for Students and the Sexual Harassment Policy as well as a violation of the Texas Penal Code.

2. Trinity University provides programming to enhance sexual assault awareness and prevention at New Student Orientation and throughout the year. Peer educators, selected staff members, and community experts give presentations and provide resources on request.

3. If you are sexually assaulted, you may seek assistance by contacting any of the following: Department of Campus Security, Counseling and Health Services, Residence Halls Office, Health Service, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and the local rape crisis center (349-7273). If you are off campus and in an emergency situation, call the San Antonio Police Department (911).

4. Because evidence of a sexual assault and attacker's identity may be left on the victim's body, do not wash in any way until you have been examined at the Medical Center Hospital Emergency Room (616-2548), the only hospital equipped to deal with sexual assaults. Go for the exam as quickly as possible because the evidence deteriorates quickly and may be important in proving the assault in criminal proceedings. The hospital staff will collect evidence, check for injuries, and deal with the possibility of exposure to sexually transmitted diseases.

5. To report a sexual assault to campus law enforcement authorities, contact Campus Security. Any Student Affairs staff member can assist you in this process. You may also report the assault directly to the San Antonio Police Department (for nonemergency calls: 299-7484, for off-campus emergencies: 911), or with the assistance of Trinity Security personnel.

6. A victim who wishes to file an informal or formal complaint of sexual assault against a student should notify the Vice President for Student Affairs who will usually conduct the investigation and any hearing(s). Possible sanctions against a student found guilty of sexual assault through on-campus proceedings include expulsion, suspension, and probation. See the Standards of conduct for Students in the Student Handbook for more information on procedures and sanctions.

7. A faculty member, staff member, or student who commits a sexual assault may be charged with a violation of the Sexual Harassment Policy by the University. The policy explains which administrator the victim should contact to obtain an informal consultation or to file a formal complaint. Sanctions for sexual harassment may involve penalties up to and including expulsion for students and termination of employment for faculty and staff. See the Student Handbook, the Faculty and Contract Staff Handbook, or the Personnel Policy Manual for Classified Employees for more information on the Sexual Harassment Policy.

8. The accuser and the accused perpetrator are entitled to the same opportunities to have others (e.g., adviser or advocate) present during a campus disciplinary proceeding. Both parties shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding alleging sexual assault.
9. After reporting a sexual assault, a student victim may request changes in living or academic situation. The student may seek assistance from the Vice President for Student Affairs or make direct requests from the Director of Residence Halls and the Registrar. The University will make those changes, if they are reasonably available.

10. Counseling for survivors of sexual assault is available on campus through Counseling and Health Services and off campus through the Sexual Assault Crisis and Resource Center (24-hour hotline: 349-7273) and the Bexar County Women’s Center (978-8800).

11. For more detailed information, please see the brochure *Responding to Sexual Assault* available in the following offices: Counseling and Health Services, Residential Life Office, Coates Student Center, Campus Security, and Student Affairs.

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