

University of Iowa Police Crime Prevention News Reporting Sexual Assault and the University of Iowa Police

The Department of Public Safety applauds President Mason's commitment to sexual assault reporting especially the strong encouragement to report to law enforcement.

To effectively combat the problem of sexual assault law enforcement needs to know where and when the crimes are being committed. The Department of Public Safety's Police division is dedicated to providing a respectful response and comprehensive services when sexual assaults occur on University property.

EVEN THOUGH REPORTING TO THE UIPD IS NOT MANDATORY, THE FOLLOWING ILLUSTRATES WHY YOU SHOULD STRONGLY CONSIDER MAKING YOUR FIRST CALL TO UIPD IF A SEXUAL ASSAULT OCCURS ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY.

Sexual assault is a crime of violence.

Collection and preservation of evidence.

Protection and the security of the survivor.

Documentation of the sexual assault if the survivor decides to pursue criminal charges in the future for the assault.

Professionally trained Sex Crime Unit, (SCU).

Our primary concern is the sexual assault not alcohol violations.

Award winning Sexual Assault Resource Packet is given to anyone that reports the crime to UIPD.

The packet was developed to provide information to survivors of sexual assaults on the services that are available to them as well as information to assist them following the traumatic event of a sexual assault.

UIPD's ongoing commitment to sexual assault prevention measures with programs such as RAD (Rape Aggression Defense training) and Nite-Ride.

UIPD has ongoing professional relationships with local and state agencies to assist with the investigation if requested or required.

Information will be kept confidential.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING and the UI POLICE

Our investigators within the Sex Crimes Unit (SCU) are trained in assisting survivors through the investigative process.

SCU members work closely with the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), the Sexual Assault Investigative Team (SAIT), Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE), and the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP).

A survivor of a sexual assault can meet with a UIPD officer or SCU member to talk about the assault prior to deciding if they want to file a report to get their questions and concerns answered.



We will call an RVAP advocate to assist you in every step of the process.

We will encourage you to go to the hospital and we will accompany you if you wish.

We will contact the new Sexual Assault Coordinator if the survivor wishes to seek resolution by means of the University of Iowa process.

A UIPD SCU member will talk to you privately and treat the survivor with respect, sensitivity and dignity.

SCU members receive continuous training on:

- Sex crimes investigations and attend the Sex Crimes Investigators Association Conference
- The Sexual Assault Evidentiary Exam-Better Outcomes for Prosecution and Victim Recovery.
- DNA: Critical Issues for Those Who Work with Victims.
- Sexual Assault Response Teams: Partnering for Success.
- Acquaintance Rape of College Students.
- Campus Violence Prevention.
- Annual Sexual Assault Response Team Conference.
- Child Abuse.
- Sexual Harassment & Violence: UI Policies and Resources.
- Sexual Assault Investigative Techniques.



THE SURVIVOR OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT WILL HAVE CONTROL OF THE CASE IF IT GOES CRIMINAL AND WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THIS MEANS WE WILL NOT PURSUE A CRIMINAL CASE IF THE SURVIVOR OF THE ASSAULT DOES NOT WANT US TO.

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NITE RIDE

384-1111

A safe means of late night transportation for women only. We will not check IDs.

Operates Friday and Saturday nights 10:00pm until 3:00am

Stages at Washington and Clinton streets.

The van is operated by full time Department of Public Safety guards.

The phone number is 319-384-1111

The Academic Route runs Sunday through Thursday nights 10:00pm till 3:00 am. call to request a ride. Go to www.uiowa.edu/~pubsfty for more information on Nite-Ride.



Risk Reduction Techniques

Risk reduction is 90% of self-defense.

Everyone has the right to live free of unwanted attention, harassment, and abuse. You will be safest in well lit areas where there are groups of people.

Look and act confident while you are walking, be aware of your surroundings, trust your instincts and don't be concerned about appearing rude if you feel threatened.

There is safety in numbers; make it a habit to walk with others.

If you regularly jog or cycle vary your route and time. Stay on well lit roads and main paths with open spaces where you can see and be seen by other people. Avoid wooded areas and adjust your routine to daylight hours if possible.

Recognize that the use of a cell phone or personal stereo may distract you from paying attention to your surroundings and persons acting suspiciously.

Avoid consuming alcohol or other substances that may impair your judgment or your ability to react to a confrontation.

Let someone know when you are intending to leave and arrive at a particular destination.

If you think someone is following you go to the nearest place where there are other people and/or a place that is well lit. If you have a cell phone call the appropriate Police Department for assistance: (ICPD (319) 356-5275 or UIPD (319) 335-5022). If you have speed dial capabilities, program these numbers into your cell phone. It is important to know your location when calling anyone for assistance so they know where to respond. Of course, in cases involving emergencies call 911.

If someone tries to take your property from you remember, your physical safety is more important than any material object.