

Policy Against Campus Violence and Threatening Behavior

The College of New Rochelle will not tolerate violence or threatening behavior against any member of the College community. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and bias-related crimes. Allegations of these crimes will be investigated in accordance with the College's judicial procedures. The College's proceedings do not supersede, and will not interfere with, an individual's right to pursue other legal remedies, such as criminal prosecution. Please contact the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of Counseling and Health Services or the Office of Student Development for detailed information regarding each of these crimes. In addition, the Office of Counseling and Health Services offers support or counseling services for victims of these crimes.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault can happen to anyone, male or female, at anytime and anywhere. If a person is forced to engage in any sexual act, either by the use of physical force or because of a threat which places the person in fear of immediate death or physical injury to himself, herself or another person, or in fear that he, she, or another person will immediately be kidnapped, or if he or she is unable to consent, the perpetrator's actions are unlawful. A person may be unable to consent due to a variety of factors, such as status as a minor, mental impairment, incapacity due to intoxication or other substance-induced condition or physical helplessness.

Rape is the most prevalent sexual assault crime that occurs on college campuses. However, there are other forms of sexual assault. The New York State Penal Code describes the various types of sexual offenses with up to four degrees of seriousness for each. Please contact the Office of Student Services, the Office of Counseling and Health Services or the Office of Student Development for detailed information regarding each of these crimes.

If you are a victim of sexual assault on or off campus, tell someone immediately, whether it be a friend or a College faculty or staff member, such as a resident advisor or a security officer. College faculty and staff members will be able to offer immediate assistance in directing you to medical assistance and counseling services, or in reporting the crime, if you choose to do so. Victims of sexual assault are not required to report the assault to the police. However, they are strongly encouraged to do so. Extreme care is taken to protect the privacy of the victim.

In addition to medical assistance, the College offers a variety of on-campus or off-campus support and counseling services. Please contact the Office of Counseling and Health Services, the Office of Student Development or see www.cnr.edu/StudentLife/CounselingResources for additional information about these services. The Offices of Counseling and Health Services and Student Development also provide a variety of hard-copy materials and referral sheets for locating local community service organizations and support groups. Additionally, the college may provide educational programs, and options regarding changing the victim's academic and living situation.

Once a report is filed, the disciplinary process will ensue as appropriate, which would include an investigation and gathering of statements. When both the accused and accuser are CNR students, they would both be afforded due process which would include the opportunity to have others present during the disciplinary proceeding as well as the right to know the outcome of the disciplinary proceeding.