

Saint Mary's College encourages students to report all incidents of **sexual assault**. If the incident occurred on Saint Mary's property, Saint Mary's Safety & Security (574-284-5000) is the appropriate agency. Off-campus incidents will likely fall in the jurisdiction of the South Bend, St. Joseph County or Mishawaka police departments; Saint Mary's Safety & Security can assist with contacting the appropriate agency. Saint Mary's College Safety & Security can be reached by dialing (574) 284-5000.

It is especially important for students who have been sexually assaulted to seek immediate and appropriate medical treatment. Women's Health is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm when school is in session and can be reached at (574) 284-4805. While the Women's Health staff is unable to perform procedures related to the collection of evidence for the purposes of pursuing criminal prosecution, they can provide assistance and support when a student requires transportation to the hospital. St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJPMC) has a specially trained assault team available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; Memorial Hospital also offers these services. Under Indiana law, the tests and procedures at the hospital are free of charge if treatment is sought within 96 hours of the assault. Emergency Room staff may ask if the student wishes to speak to the police; this decision is up to the student.

Women's Health is staffed by trained professionals who can provide specialized support and assistance to students who have been assaulted. Current students may seek counseling at any time, free of charge, whether it is days, months, or years after the incident. The confidential services of the Women's Health Center are available to the student who was assaulted and her friends who may need support in assisting the student. Women's Health Counseling can be reached at (574) 284-4805.

S-O-S is the rape-crisis center for St. Joseph County. S-O-S is staffed by trained professionals and volunteer advocates who are available 24 hours a day. The staff can provide confidential counseling and recovery services, as well as support and information about communication with the police, family and friends. S-O-S Volunteer Advocates provide emotional support and information on the phone and in person at area hospital Emergency Departments around the clock. Specially trained professionals offer confidential counseling, group therapy, information, and referrals. The S-O-S Advocate acts as a liaison between the student and the legal process, and can accompany them to court if desired. The 24-hour telephone number for the Rape Crisis Center is (574) 289-4357.

The **Campus Ministry** staff is trained to provide confidential pastoral counseling and support to students who have been sexually assaulted, or to friends who wish to support and assist them. Campus Ministry can be reached at (574) 284-5391.

Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) provides a safe, confidential space to discuss the issues of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Whether you have experienced some form

of violence or abuse or suspect someone in your life has, the staff is there to provide a listening ear and to discuss options for further assistance. BAVO can be reached at (574)-284-4081.