

## WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT CAMPUS POLICE?

The Hinds CC Campus Police Department is a full service Police Department who

- Are Certified Law Enforcement Officers with full arrest powers. (Except Rankin and Vicksburg)
- Cooperate and communicate with other emergency and law agencies- County Sheriff's, City Police, and FBI.
- Provide a 24/7 escort service for students, faculty or staff on the residential campuses.
- Will not tolerate drugs, alcohol or weapons on campus. \*Students found in violation risk suspension or expulsion.
- Are here to protect, serve and to enforce the rules and regulations of Hinds Community College and the laws of the state of Mississippi.
- Are here to help students in any way possible. If you see anything suspicious please call immediately.

If you have a question or an emergency, call the Campus Police Department:

Hinds Campus Police Departments have uniformed officers on duty who work to maintain the safety of students, faculty, and facilities in all areas of campus life. Police officers are state certified and are empowered to issue citations and make arrests. Four campuses maintain police departments and two use contract security; each department operates under the College's Standard Operating Procedures Manual for Police Department (SOP). Police phone numbers are listed in the current *Student Handbook* under "How to Report Crimes and Emergencies" and on the College website under Report of Clery-Crime-Emergency-Fire Data.

Student service employees and campus police use the pamphlets developed on safety, sexual assault and rules in orientation sessions, residence hall programs, and classroom presentations to equip students with information to make safe decisions. The College's rules and regulations are provided in the current *Student Handbook*, in both print and electronic format. See [www.hindscc.edu](http://www.hindscc.edu), go to current students, important documents.



### Campus Police/Security

Raymond	601.857.3270
Jackson ATC	601.987.8142
Jackson N/AHC	601.376.4912
Rankin	601.932.5237
Vicksburg	601.638.0600
Utica	601.885.6151

**EMERGENCY: Dial 911**

### District Dean of Students

601.857.3232

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Hinds Community College offers equal education and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status in its programs and activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. George Barnes, Vice President for Administrative and Student Services, 34175 Hwy. 18, Utica, MS 39175; 601.885.7001.



## Sexual Assault

What to do if you or a friend are sexually assaulted.



Safety Tips and  
Information to Share

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## What should I do if I am sexually assaulted?

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- 1. Find a safe environment.** Go anywhere away from the attacker. Ask a trusted friend to stay with you for moral support.
- 2. Call your Campus Police department or dial 911.** Report the rape to law enforcement authorities. A counselor can provide the information you'll need to understand the process.
- 3. Preserve evidence of the attack.** Don't bathe, change clothes, or brush your teeth. Write down all the details you can recall about the attack and the attacker.
- 4. Get medical attention.**
- 5. Know the possible risks.** Even with no physical injuries, it is important to determine the risks of STDs and pregnancy.
  - To preserve forensic evidence, ask the hospital to conduct a rape kit exam.
  - If you suspect you may have been drugged, a urine sample may be collected.
- 6. Remember it wasn't your fault.**
- 7. Recognize that healing from rape takes time.** Give yourself the time you need.
- 8. Seek outside professional help.** Catholic Charities Rape Crisis Services in Jackson offers free assistance. Contact their 24 hour crisis hotline at **601-982-RAPE** or call the National Sexual Assault Hotline, operated by RAINN, for free, for 24 hour confidential counseling. **1-800-656-HOPE**
- 9. Know that it's never too late to report an incident.** Even if the attack happened years ago, the National Sexual Assault Hotline can still help. Many victims do not realize they need help until months or years later.

## How can I help a friend?

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- **Listen.** Be there. Don't be judgmental.
- **Encourage** your friend to seriously consider reporting the rape to law enforcement authorities. A counselor can provide the information your friend will need to make this decision.
- **Be patient.** Remember it will take your friend some time to deal with the crime.
- **Be informative.** Let your friend know that professional help is available through the National Sexual Assault Hotline. Encourage him or her to call the hotline, but realize that only your friend can make the decision to get help.

## How can I reduce my risk of sexual assault?

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- Don't leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.
- When you go to a party, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, watch out for each other, and leave together.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Don't allow yourself to be isolated with someone you don't know or trust.
- Think about the level of intimacy you want in a relationship, and clearly state your limits.

## Things for you to remember and DO!

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- **Remember that acquaintance rape is a crime.** It is never acceptable to use force in sexual situations, no matter what the circumstances are. It is also never acceptable to have sex with someone who is unable to resist or consent because of the effects of alcohol/ drugs, or because of any other physical/ mental disability.
- **Listen carefully.** Take the time to hear what your partner is saying. If you feel that your partner is not being direct or is giving you a "mixed message," ask for clarification.
- **"NO" means "NO."** If your partner says "no" to sexual contact, believe him or her and stop.

- **Be especially careful in situations involving the use of alcohol or drugs.** Alcohol and drugs can interfere with your ability to assess your safety and to communicate effectively.
- **Don't make assumptions about your partner's behavior.** Don't assume that just because your partner has had sex with you previously, he or she is willing to have sex with you again. Also, don't assume that a partner who consents to kissing or other sexual intimacies is therefore willing to have sexual intercourse.
- **Be especially careful in group situations.** Be prepared to resist pressure from friends to participate in violent or criminal acts or to get involved in situations in which you do not feel comfortable or safe.
- **Know your sexual intentions and limits.** You have the right to say "no" to any unwanted sexual contact.
- If you are uncertain about what you want, ask your partner to respect your feelings.
- **Communicate your limits firmly and directly.** If you say "no," say it like you mean it. Back up your words with a firm tone of voice and clear body language.
- **Don't assume that your partner will automatically know how you feel** or will eventually "get the message" without your having to say it.
- **Remember that some people think that drinking heavily, dressing provocatively, or agreeing to be alone with them indicates a willingness to have sex.** Be especially careful to communicate your limits and intentions clearly in such situations.
- **Attend large parties with friends you can trust.** Agree to "look out" for one another. Try to leave with a group, rather than alone or with someone you don't know very well.
- **Don't be afraid to "make waves" if you feel threatened.** If you feel you are being pressured or coerced into sexual activity against your will, don't hesitate to state your feelings and get out of the situation. A few minutes of social awkwardness or embarrassment is better than the trauma of a sexual assault.