

MDC strictly prohibits offenses of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on its campuses.

- Sexual assault is any sexual act, contact or behavior directed against you without your consent.
- Domestic violence is violence committed by someone who is your current or former spouse, parent of your child, or intimate partner.
- Dating violence is violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with you.
- Stalking is when someone engages in a pattern of behavior that causes you to fear for your safety or causes you emotional distress.

Sexual Violence is Never Your Fault

- No one has a right to have sex or sexual contact with you without your full, knowing, and voluntary consent even if that person is your spouse or a previous or current intimate partner.
- All blame for the sexual assault falls on the person who did not have your full consent and willing participation at the time of sexual contact.
- Even if you were flirting with a perpetrator at any point prior to a sexual assault, or if you were voluntarily under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the sexual assault is not your fault.
- You are NOT expected nor required to fight a perpetrator or scream for assistance.
- You must always be allowed to give consent to sexual contact.

Individuals Respond Differently to Sexual Violence

You may experience a range of emotions such as:

- depression
- anger
- humiliation
- numbness
- fear
- guilt or shame
- confusion

ALL of these responses are normal. Free and confidential resources are available to support your emotional and medical needs.

Reporting & Examinations

MDC will respond promptly, effectively and equitably to investigate complaints of sexual violence and will take immediate action to eliminate the sexual harassment or sexual violence, prevent its recurrence and address its effects including interim measures as necessary. Investigations will be adequate, reliable and impartial to prevent a hostile environment.

If you experience sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking on campus, please contact your Campus Public Safety Department.

Once a report is filed, your campus Student Dean's Office and Office of Equal Opportunity Programs may contact you for more information and to provide available support and resources.

Sexual Assault Medical Exams

When you go to a certified rape crisis center or healthcare provider for a sexual assault medical exam you can expect to be seen by a registered nurse or a doctor. If you choose to have a medical examination following a sexual assault, consider these important steps:

- Do not shower, bathe, douche or brush your teeth if you have not done so already.
- Keep the clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault. If you have already changed clothes but have not washed them, put each clothing item in a separate clean paper bag (plastic bags are discouraged).
- Physical evidence and sheets can also be turned over to the medical staff for storage.
- Photograph any visible injuries you have immediately as injuries may heal quickly after an assault.
- Sexual assault forensic kits and evidence collected from Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center will be stored for a period of 90 days if the crime is not going to be reported.

Unsure About What to Do?

Speak to a counselor at the
Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center:
305-585-5185

You Are Not Alone

We encourage survivors to contact the Miami-Dade Police Department to make a report or fill out the Silent Witness form regardless of the date(s) of the sexual assault.

Special Victims Bureau

Miami-Dade Police Department
305-715-3300
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