

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Definition-

It is a criminal offense for a person to engage in sexual contact or sexual intercourse with any other person without his/her consent. Sexual contact is defined as the intentional touching of a person's intimate parts for the purpose of sexually degrading or humiliating the victim, or sexually arousing or gratifying the perpetrator.

- ❖ SEXUAL ASSAULT IS ONE OF THE MOST VOLUNT & LEAST REPORTED CRIMES IN THE UNITED STATES. AS FEW AS 20% OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE REPORTED TO POLICE.

Acquaintance Rape-

Although some sexual assaults are committed by strangers, the majority are committed by someone the victim knows – a boyfriend, friend, employer, or relative. In fact, nationwide statistics show that almost 80% of sexual assault perpetrators are known to the victim.

Date Rape-

Date rape is the act of forcing sex on a date using physical strength or psychological pressure. Alcohol and other drugs are commonly used in committing a date rape. In fact, a majority of sexual assault cases report to police involve a victim who was intoxicated at the time of the assault. **It should be noted that a person who is intoxicated, or otherwise incapacitated, cannot legally give consent.

Alcohol is the most commonly used “date rape” drug. The following drugs are also used in Date Rape situations:

Rohyphnol –

Rohyphnol, or “Roffies”, is known as the “date rape” drug. This drug was first developed as an anesthetic. Although manufactured in the United States, it is not legal for use. A person taking Rohyphnol will fall into a coma type state and cannot defend themselves. The person will also have a short term memory amnesia effect while under the drug.



If you see any of the following indicators in your drink, dump it out, Rohyphnol has probably been added.

- ✓ The “Drink” will excessively foam when Rohyphnol is added to a carbonated beverage.
- ✓ You might also see a bluish tint in your “drink”. This is also a warning sign of Rohyphnol.

Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB) –

It is an odorless, colorless, liquid that acts on the central nervous system as a depressant/anesthesia. It causes the user to have a deep sleep, unconscious state, and unable to defend him/herself. User also has a short term memory loss, and user becomes sexually stimulated.

GHB is not produced or manufactured by any pharmaceutical company; instead it is made in illegal drug labs or by amateur chemists in their homes. It can be easily made with common and readily available ingredients and novice chemistry skills and the recipe is easy to find. Making, possessing and/or using this drug is illegal.

Common street names for this drug include: liquid X, liquid E, salt, soap, easy lay, and scoop.

- ❖ Unlike Rohyphnol, GHB does not react with alcoholic drinks, mixes well, looks like water, and is very hard to detect.

TIPS FOR REDUCING THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO THESE TYPES OF DRUGS

- * Do not accept an open container from anyone, and ask that you open any containers yourself.
- * Maintain positive control of your drink at all times. Do not leave it at the bar, or unattended for any length of time. If you do leave a drink unattended for even a minute, dump it out and get a new one.
- * With mixed drinks, watch the bartender mix your drink and accept it only from him/her directly
- * With any type of alcoholic drink, know your limits! If you feel that you are starting to lose control, STOP DRINKING.



IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT



We encourage you to report it to the University or City of Platteville Police Department. We also encourage you to have a physical exam as soon as possible to make sure you are medically ok, and to collect evidence, even if you do not wish to pursue criminal charges right away. If a “date rape” drug is suspected, seek medical treatment as soon as possible. The following numbers are resources available to you. They will assist you, confidentially, in any way they can to get you help or answer any question you might have.

University Police Department	(911) or 342-1584
University Health Services	342-1891
University Counseling	342-1865
Southwest Health Center	348-2331
Family Advocates	348-3838
Unified Counseling Services	1-800-362-5717