



# STUDENT INFORMATION: SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## **Questions or Concerns:**

Slippery Rock University  
Women's Center  
249 RMS Student Center  
(724) 738-2992  
womenscenter@sru.edu

VOICe  
County Victim Services  
Hotline: 1-800-400-8551

## **What is Sexual Violence?**

Physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will or where a person is incapable of giving consent due to a victim's use of drugs or alcohol. An individual may also be unable to give consent due to an intellectual or other disability. (*Title IX of the Education Amendments*)

## **What is Consensual Sex?**

Consent must be voluntarily expressed either verbally or physically. Consent expressed by an individual incapacitated to the extent s/he is not capable of making reasoned judgments is invalid.

## **Red Flags for Sexual Violence/Assault:**

- Does not listen to victim, ignore what he/she says, talk over them or pretend not to hear them.
- Ignores personal space boundaries.
- Pushes drinking beyond victim's tolerance level or waits to make a sexual advance until he/she is extremely intoxicated.
- Expresses anger or aggression frequently.
- Uses hostile or possessive language about their victims.
- Dictates boundaries in the relationship or sexual encounter.
- Tries to make victim feel guilty, or accuses him/her of being "uptight" if they resist perpetrator's sexual overtures.
- Acts excessively jealous or possessive.
- Prevents victim from seeing or talking to friends or family members.
- Drinks heavily.

(Adapted from University of Illinois at Chicago)

**SRU's Obligations under Title IX (Regarding Sexual Violence):**

Title IX protects male and female students from unlawful sexual harassment, including sexual violence, in school program and activities. Any student who believes s/he has been subjected to sexual harassment by University faculty or staff may report such misconduct or file a formal complaint with the Title IX Coordinator, Holly McCoy, (724) 738-2650 or [holly.mccoy@sru.edu](mailto:holly.mccoy@sru.edu)

**Offices available on campus:**

University Police: (724) 738-3333

Counseling Center: (724) 738-2034

Student Health Services: (724) 738-2052

Student Conduct: (724) 738-4985

Women's Center: (724) 738-2992