



# U.T. POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY NOTICE



**IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY MEMBERS, THE FOLLOWING FACTS ARE PROVIDED:**

## **CAMPUS INCIDENT**

### **Rape**

### **Residence Hall, East side of campus**

The UT Police Department received a police report on Sunday, October 11, 2015 of a rape that occurred Saturday, October 10, 2015. A female victim advised a male non-stranger raped her in a residence hall. The victim has identified her assailant and the UT Police Department will continue to investigate the incident.

#### **Safety Tips:**

- Report any and all suspicious activity to police as soon as you are aware of it. Download the Guardian app through the UT app at <http://www.utk.edu/mobile/> and use the tip feature to speak directly with UTPD
- 75-80% of sexual assaults are committed by a non-stranger, classmate, friend, partner, or (ex) partner (Krebs, et al., 2007).
- Be cautious of an intimate partner who does not respect your boundaries
- Trust your intuition, if you feel something is wrong it likely is
- Familiarize yourself with the blue phones in case you have to use one

#### **In the event of an attack**

- Get to a safe place
- Contact law enforcement immediately
- Preserve any evidence
- Consider the resources available to you through the university, many of which can be found at <http://sexualassault.utk.edu/>

To get involved in making UT safer for everyone become an active bystander- visit <http://volunteersspeakup.utk.edu/> and learn how you can "Speak UP!" for your volunteer community #VOLSHELPVOLS

#### **Consent:**

The university's interim policy on sexual misconduct and relationship violence defines "consent" as the knowing and voluntary communication, through words and/or conduct, of an agreement to engage in a particular act, including without limitation a particular act of sexual contact or sexual intercourse. More information on this policy can be found at <http://sexualassault.utk.edu>

Consent is never implied by a person's attire, reputation, consumption of alcohol or drugs, previous consent to sexual acts, or your relationship to the person. Sexual assault is never the victim's fault. The only person responsible for sexual misconduct is the perpetrator.

If you engage in sexual activity, be sure you understand your partner's limits, and communicate your own limits clearly. Don't engage in sexual activities without affirmative consent from your partner.

Even if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you are still responsible for obtaining consent from the other person before initiating sexual contact.

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The Clery Act requires the university to notify the campus community of certain criminal activity that occurs on university owned or controlled property. In addition, the university is required to provide safety tips that may aid in the prevention of similar crimes. The intent of a warning regarding a criminal incident(s) is to enable individuals to protect themselves. For further information on the Clery Act: <http://clery.utk.edu/> or <http://clerycenter.org>.