

## 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:

### TWO CAMPUS INCIDENTS

## Rape - Unknown campus location

On Sunday, October 30, 2016 the UT Police Department was notified of a rape that occurred at an unknown campus location sometime between Saturday night, October 29, 2016 and Sunday morning, October 30, 2016. No suspect information has been provided and the female student has chosen not to file a police report at this time. Resources have been provided to the victim.

## Rape - Residence Hall, west side of campus

On Monday, October 31, 2016 the UT Police Department received a police report for a rape that occurred on October 30, 2016 around 12:00 am. The female student reported a male, non-stranger raped her in her residence hall. This incident has been forwarded to UTPD Investigations. Resources have been provided to the victim and the exact location will be withheld to protect their identity.

#### **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 <a href="http://www.utk.edu/mobile/">http://www.utk.edu/mobile/</a> 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)
- 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 <a href="http://wellness.utk.edu/volunteers-speak-up-program-request/">http://wellness.utk.edu/volunteers-speak-up-program-request/</a> and learn how you can "Speak UP!" for your volunteer community #VOLSHELPVOLS

#### **Consent:**

The university's 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 <a href="http://sexualassault.utk.edu">http://sexualassault.utk.edu</a>

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.



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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: <a href="http://clery.utk.edu/">http://clery.utk.edu/</a> or <a href="http://clery.enter.org">http://clery.enter.org</a>.