

What to Do if You Are Raped or Sexually Assaulted

Get to a safe place

- Get to a safe place and contact a friend, family member, Resident Director or Campus Police and access a SHARE advocate.

Contact a SHARE Advisor

- The college has trained a group of staff members who are available 24 hours a day to provide support and help you understand your options regarding medical attention, legal implications and college disciplinary action. To contact an advocate, call the Counseling Center at Ext. 1331. The privacy of the caller will be respected. Callers may remain anonymous if they so choose.

Get Medical Attention

- Brockton Hospital is experienced and prepared to help sexual assault survivors. It is extremely important that you seek medical attention as soon as possible - preferably within 72 hours - because you could be injured internally as well as externally by the attack. A prompt medical examination will test for pregnancy, STD's, HIV, and venereal disease. A medical examination can secure valuable evidence that can be used later should you wish to have the assailant prosecuted.
- Do not drink, bathe, douche, brush your teeth, change clothing or comb your hair. It's only natural to want to do these things, but you may be destroying evidence you will need if you decide to prosecute at a later date. Put all clothing, bedding and other evidence in a paper (not plastic) bag. In the course of your medical examination this evidence will be collected by the hospital staff.

Seek Counseling

- Counseling is a very important step in helping someone who has been sexually assaulted regain control of her or his life. Professional counseling services in the area, both on and off campus can be of assistance.