

## **Guidelines for Reporting Rape/Sexual Assault**

Rape and sexual assault are defined as forced sexual intercourse (including vaginal, anal and oral penetration). The penetration may be by a body part or an object. Rape may be forced through threats, physical force or psychological coercion. While some extreme cases of rape may involve the use or display of a weapon, physical battering, or immobilization of the victim most cases involve psychological coercion.

### **If you have been raped or sexually assaulted:**

- Find a safe environment away from the attacker.
- Identify a relative or close friend who can accompany you to the hospital.
- Limit discussion of the rape to this person and appropriate official(s).

### **THE ASSAULT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE PARISH IN WHICH IT OCCURRED!**

1. **Call 911** – Specify parish (i.e., Orleans, Jefferson) in which rape occurred.
2. Notify Xavier University Campus Police – If on campus, call EXT 7490 or (504)520-7490
3. May also call the Rape Crisis Line – (504)537-5400
4. Either wait for police or go to the Emergency Room

**Orleans Parish – University Medical Center** – 2000 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70122 (504)702-3000

**Children’s Hospital** - 200 Henry Clay Ave., New Orleans, La. 70118 (504)899-9511

**Jefferson Parish – Tulane Lakeside Medical Center** 4700 South I-10 Service Rd., West Metairie, La. 70001 (504)883-6800

### **Protocol to follow:**

1. **DO NOT SHOWER, BATHE OR DOUCHE AFTER THE ATTACK!**
2. **SAVE the CLOTHING** which you were wearing during the attack.
  - If you want to change put the clothes worn during the attack in a brown paper bag – to be given to the police.
  - If you go to the hospital, bring a change of clothes because the clothes worn during the attack will be taken by the police.
3. **YOU SHOULD PRESS CHARGES** against the rapist but you are not obligated to do so.
4. The rape examination can be done whether or not you decide to press charges at the time of the report. The evidence can be held pending a decision to press charges.
5. **Counseling – Follow-Up counseling** is important to your psychological well-being.

### **Sexual Assault Resources**

Xavier Counseling Center: 520-7315 (<http://www.xula.edu/counseling/sexualassault.php>)

Metropolitan Center for Women and Children – (504) 837-5400

National Sexual Assault Hotline 1 800 656-4673

New Orleans Family Justice Center (504) 866-9554



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