University Policy on Relationship Violence & Sexual Misconduct: Top 4 Things Students Should Know

1. Where can I talk to someone confidentially?

MSU Counseling Center
207 Student Services Building
(517) 355-8270

MSU Sexual Assault Program
14 Student Services Building
(517) 355-3551 (office)
(517) 372-6666 (24 hour crisis line)
www.endrape.msu.edu

MSU Safe Place
(517) 355-1100
Email: noabuse@msu.edu
http://safeplace.msu.edu

University Ombudsperson*
North Kedzie Hall, Room 129
(517) 353-8830
Email: ombud@msu.edu
https://www.msu.edu/unit/ombud/index.html
*Confidential and impartial resource for conflict resolution & campus policies

2. Where can I file a report?

Title IX Coordinator (Paulette Granberry Russell)
Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives
101 Olds Hall
East Lansing MI 48824
(517) 353-3922
inclusion@msu.edu

MSU Police Department:
1120 Red Cedar Road
East Lansing, MI 48824
(517) 355-2221
Emergencies: 911
What is the definition of consent?

Consent means the voluntary, willful, and unambiguous agreement to engage in a specific sexual activity during a sexual encounter. Consent cannot be given by someone who is:

- Sleeping
- Unconscious, unaware, or otherwise mentally or physically helpless because of drugs, alcohol, or other contributing factor (“incapacitated”)
- Unable to understand the nature of the sexual activity due to a mental disease or condition (“mentally incapable”)
- Under duress, threat, deception, coercion, or force

Consent must be clear and communicated by mutually understandable words or actions. The following are examples of situations that do not imply consent:

- Silence
- The absence of a verbal “no” or “stop”
- The absence of resistance
- The existence of a prior or current relationship or sexual activity

What Can I Do to Help A Friend?

- Believe them! Listen and offer comfort.
- Let the person know that you care.
- Reassure your friend that they are not to blame for being sexually or physically assaulted or stalked.
- Encourage your friend to reach out for support.