

## Sexual Violence in Guam: Statistics

Guam has the second-highest number of rapes per capita in the United States.

- There are 64.2 reported rapes per 100,000 people in Guam (the national rate is 25.2 per 100,000 people).

Federal Bureau of Investigation. *Uniform Crime Report*.

## National Statistics on Sexual Violence

Sexual violence affects millions of Americans.

- On average, there are 321,500 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States.

Women and girls experience sexual violence at higher rates than men and boys.

- 90% of victims of rape are female, and 10% are male.
- About 18% of American women - or 1 in 6 - have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.
- About 3% of American men - or 1 in 33 - have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. *Victims of Sexual Violence: Statistics*.

## Sexual Violence on College Campuses: Statistics

Sexual violence is pervasive among college students.

- One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college.

National Sexual Violence Resource Center. *Statistics About Sexual Violence*.

Rates of sexual violence are highest among undergraduate students.

- Among undergraduate students, 23.1% of females and 5.4% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.
- Among graduate and professional students, 8.8% of females and 2.2% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. *Campus Sexual Violence: Statistics*.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault and would like to receive confidential victim services, or if you would like to learn more about sexual assault, please contact:

### UOG Violence Against Women Prevention Program

Humanities & Social Sciences Building  
1st Floor, Room 103  
Phone: 735-2890

Email: [vawpp@triton.uog.edu](mailto:vawpp@triton.uog.edu)  
Website: [www.uog.edu/vawpp](http://www.uog.edu/vawpp)

To request an escort from the Campus Security Safe Ride/Safe Walk program, please contact:

### UOG Safety and Security Office

Dorm I, 1st floor, Room 1  
Security Guard on Duty: 888-2456  
Safety and Security Office: 735-2370/0332

To request confidential services from Guam's rape crisis center, please contact:

### Healing Hearts Crisis Center

Phone: 647-5351/8833

For after-hours confidential assistance, please contact:

### Guam Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO)

24-hour hotline: 477-5552

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

For more information, visit:

### National Sexual Violence Resource Center

[www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

### Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network

[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

### National Sexual Assault Hotline

[hotline.rainn.org](http://hotline.rainn.org)  
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

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## Sexual Assault

A Resource Guide for UOG Students



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## What is sexual violence?

### Sexual Violence

Sexual violence happens in every community and affects people of all genders and ages. Sexual violence is any type of unwanted sexual contact. This includes words and actions of a sexual nature against a person's will and without their consent. A person may use force, threats, manipulation, or coercion to commit sexual violence. Forms of sexual violence include: rape or sexual assault, child sexual assault and incest, sexual assault by a person's spouse or partner, unwanted sexual contact/touching, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and trafficking, exposing one's genitals or naked body to other(s) without consent, masturbating in public, watching someone engage in private acts without their knowledge or permission, and nonconsensual image sharing. (National Sexual Violence Resource Center)

### Rape

Coerced or forced sexual intercourse. Forced sexual intercourse means vaginal, anal, or oral penetration by the offender(s). This category could include incidents where the penetration was from a foreign object such as a bottle. Includes attempted rapes, male and female victims, and both heterosexual and same-sex rape. Attempted rape includes verbal threats of rape. (Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Statistics)

### Sexual Assault

The term "sexual assault" means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent. (Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women)

## What is consent?

Consent is an understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent must be informed, freely and actively given. It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement. Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. The lack of a negative response is not consent. An individual who is incapacitated by alcohol and/or other drugs whether voluntarily or involuntarily consumed may not give consent. Past consent of sexual activity does not imply ongoing future consent. (*University of Guam Sexual Misconduct Policy*)

## If you are a victim of sexual assault...

### Get to a safe place.

Get away from the perpetrator and go to a safe place as soon as possible.

### Seek medical attention.

Seek care from your primary care physician for any immediate medical concerns or proceed to the nearest hospital in case of an emergency such as bleeding, loss of consciousness or effects from drugs or alcohol. Contact the Healing Hearts Crisis Center to speak to someone about accessing medical services. Healing Hearts provides medical services for victims of rape and other forms of sexual assault. These services may include a medical examination, collection of forensic evidence (rape kit), treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and emergency contraception.

### Get support from family and friends.

Consider reaching out to someone you trust for support. Call a close friend, a relative, or another trusted person who can be with you during the interview with the police or medical personnel.

### Seek professional assistance.

There are professionals at UOG and in the community who can help you identify, respond to, and cope with sexual assault. Contact the UOG Violence Against Women Prevention Program for more information on victim services, campus resources, and community referrals.

### Preserve evidence of the sexual assault.

Physical evidence is very important, but your story is often the most important piece of evidence that you can provide. If possible, write down all the details of the sexual assault and save them in case you decide to report the crime. If you do report the crime, do not throw away any clothing that you were wearing when the assault occurred. Turn these into the police. If sexual assault medical services are being coordinated, seek further guidance on personal hygiene activities to help preserve as much evidence as possible.

### Report the assault to the police.

Consider making a report to the police, but remember that it is your decision to report the sexual assault or not. If you are hesitant to file a report, talk about your concerns with an advocate from UOG's Violence Against Women Prevention Program or Victim Advocates Reaching Out to help you decide what the best course of action is for you. Call 911 if you need immediate protection and assistance.

### Understand that what happened was not your fault.

It is common for victim's to blame themselves after being sexually assaulted. You are not to blame for the perpetrator's behavior.

## What VAWPP can do for you

If you are a victim of sexual assault, UOG's Violence Against Women Prevention Program can provide information, resources, and confidential victim services, including:

- Advocacy and counseling
- Referrals to Healing Hearts Crisis Center and other victim services organizations in the community
- Risk assessment and safety planning
- Assistance obtaining academic and/or student housing accommodations
- Advisement on legal options
- Assistance reporting to campus security and/or the Guam Police Department
- Assistance reporting to EEO/ADA & Title IX Office and/or the Student Discipline and Appeals Committee
- Assistance obtaining protective orders

## UOG Safe Ride/Safe Walk Program

UOG's Campus Security Safe Ride/Safe Walk Program provides free driving and walking accompaniment from one on-campus location to another, including vehicles parked on campus, for all University of Guam students, employees, and visitors who may feel unsafe walking alone on campus at night. This service is available from dusk to dawn, seven days a week, 365 days per year.