**VULNERABILITY**

There is no true guarantee of safety. There are too many areas that are not under our control, however, we are committed to providing the safest environment possible. Though our efforts are not always successful, we will continue to make the effort to be proactive. The recognition of vulnerability is an important step in being safe.

**IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED**

If you suspect that a crime has been committed, contact Public Safety immediately. Your initiation will be heard if you choose to participate. Your rights and responsibilities are guaranteed. The reasons for not participating are also protected.

**REPORTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

A sexual assault is defined as any sexual intercourse with a person who is incapitated by force or by threat of force or against the will of the person. This may include rape, fondling, or attempts at these acts. The incident must have occurred on campus or in transit between campus and a Rensselaer residential area. A sexual assault may occur off campus, however, assistance may be obtained through Public Safety.

**POLICE REPORTS**

At Rensselaer, police reports are a vital means of information. Police reports are maintained as a means of gathering information which can be used to resolve disputes, prosecute individuals, and to protect the public. Police reports are processed through the Environmental Health and Safety portal. All persons who are involved in a sexual assault are entitled to make a statement in writing or in person. The statement must be recorded. The statement will then be made available to the individual who has been assaulted.

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**KIT SERVICING**

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