Sexual Assault is a crime and can affect anyone of any age, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Sexual Assault is about power and control. It is used as a tool to degrade its victims.

Sexual Assault is NOT related to sexual attraction or desire. Most sexual assaults are planned by the perpetrator.

**FACT:** Almost all sexual assaults on a college campus involve alcohol or other drugs.

**FACT:** 84% of victims know their assailant as a classmate, a current or former intimate partner, or a friend of a friend. The assault occurs in a place the victim thought was safe. There is rarely a weapon or any physical injury.

**FACT:** Only 5% of all sexual assaults are reported by the victim.

**FACT:** 3% of all sexual assault victims are male.
Believe them and listen without judgment. Encourage them to seek medical attention as soon as possible. Seek out information, and provide support. Call (973) 353-HELP or Campus Police (973) 353-5111. Let them know that they do not have to face this crisis alone. There are expert resources on and off campus to help them. Remember, they are in control of their choices.

What is Sexual Violence
Sexual violence refers to physical acts perpetrated against a person’s will or where a person is incapable of giving consent. Legal and common terms used to define acts of sexual violence are often different, but the commonalities of these crimes, the use of power and control of a person(s) over another, are the same. A number of different acts can fall into the category of sexual violence including sexual battery, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, stalking, rape and sexual assault.

What is Sexual Assault
In New Jersey sexual assault is synonymous to rape and the law is gender neutral. It defines sexual assault as “vaginal, oral, or anal intercourse; or insertion of a hand, finger or object into the anus; mouth or vagina by the actor or upon the actor’s instruction. The depth of insertion is not relevant.” These acts become a crime when they are committed without the victim’s freely given consent. Any use of force, threats, mental disability or the intentional use of alcohol or other substances to subdue a victim negate their ability to give consent, regardless of whether a weapon was used or injuries resulted.

Reducing Your Risk
Acts of violence are always the responsibility of the perpetrator. The victim is never at fault. It is possible to reduce, but not entirely eliminate the risk of becoming a victim.

If you have been sexually assaulted
Remember, it is not your fault. What you choose to do next, is YOUR decision. Rutgers University is committed to treating you with respect and dignity, and will do everything possible to protect your privacy.
You are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention as soon as possible. Consider your options before you bathe, brush your teeth, discard or wash any clothing, as you have the right to have evidence collected by a specially trained nurse in a hospital emergency room. The specimens are stored for 90 days, giving you time to decide if you want to press charges.

A friend can accompany you and a Sexual Assault Advocate will be offered to you at the hospital. At Rutgers University-Newark’s Sexual Assault Services trained staff is available to listen and explain your rights and options and make appropriate referrals. Rutgers Newark Health Services staff can also provide medical exams and treatment including prevention of STIs and pregnancy.

Incident Report Form:
An incident report form can be filed for any on-campus crime. The victim is not named and cannot be required to participate in any investigation. The person completing the form can identify themselves or remain anonymous. The incident report form is available at the Health Center, Rutgers Campus Police headquarters or from the Sexual Assault Coordinator or by downloading it from our website: health.newark.rutgers.edu.

Resources
Rutgers University- Newark Health Services
Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence Services
249 University Avenue, Rm. 104
(973) 353-5231
(973) 353-HELP (Hotline)
health.newark.rutgers.edu

Rutgers Newark Counseling Center
Blumenthal Hall
249 University Avenue, Rm. 101
(973)353-5805
counseling.newark.rutgers.edu

Rutgers Newark Police Department
200 University Avenue
(973) 353-5581
(973) 353-5111 Emergencies
nwkpolice.rutgers.edu

Rutgers Newark Office of Student Conduct
350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
robeson.rutgers.edu/studentlife/conduct.html

Off Campus Resources:
S.A.V.E of Essex County
60 Fullerton St. Montclair NJ, 07042
Sexual Assault Hotline 1-877-773-CARE (2273)
Rutgers - NB Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance Program
1-848-932-1181
vpva.rutgers.edu

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
aardvarc.org/rape/states/njrp.shtml
(lists program in all counties)
njcsa.org
800-601-4450 800-600-7200 (hotline)

Not Alone
notalone.gov

See something? Do something!