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Health Promotion

• Supports academic achievement and personal development by improving health outcomes of TAMU students

• Content areas:
  • Alcohol and drug prevention
  • Interpersonal violence prevention
  • Mental health
  • Nutrition and physical activity
  • Sexual health
  • Sleep
  • Stress and relaxation
Have you or someone you know experienced violence in a relationship?

Yes

No

I think so, but I am unsure if what I saw or heard about was really relationship violence
What’s Inside?

• Defining *Interpersonal Violence*

• Texas A&M community expectations on violence prevention

• Step In, Stand Up for fellow Aggies

• Rights, resources, and reporting procedures for those impacted by violence
Defining Interpersonal Violence
What is Interpersonal Violence?

**What is it?** Threats or acts of physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, financial, digital, and legal abuse.

**Who’s at risk?** Anyone, regardless of background, can experience interpersonal violence.

**Why does it happen?** Interpersonal violence is always about having power and control over someone. A perpetrator can be known or unknown to the victim or survivor.

**When does it happen?** Interpersonal violence can be experienced at any point in life. With college student populations, the first 6 weeks of a fall semester is when most reports are filed.

Child Abuse | Coercion | Dating Abuse | Domestic Abuse
Intimate Partner Abuse | Rape | Relationship Abuse
Sexual Assault | Sexual Exploitation | Sexual Harassment | Stalking
Which of the following groups currently has the highest reported rate of interpersonal violence victimization in our country?

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Texas A&M Community Expectations on Interpersonal Violence Prevention
Expectations

• Follow system, university, and student rules

• Identify, and take seriously, actions that threaten the safety of our Aggies and community

• Report harmful actions to a campus or community resource
Sexual Harassment

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that is explicitly or implicitly:

• Unreasonably interferes with an individual’s work or educational performance

• Creates an intimidating or hostile work or educational environment

40.6% of students on the TAMU campus...

...experienced sexual harassment from another student, faculty or staff member.

AAU Survey, 2015
Sexual Assault

**Rape:** Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the Complainant. Attempts or assaults to commit rape are also included; however, statutory rape and incest are excluded.

**Fondling:** The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without consent.

**Sexual Exploitation:** Taking non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for one’s own benefit, or the benefit of anyone other than the person being exploited.

14.8% of female & 4.8% of male undergrads... experienced nonconsensual penetration or sexual touching due to physical force or incapacitation

AAU Survey, 2015
Dating Violence/Abuse, Domestic Violence/Abuse, and Stalking

**Dating violence/abuse:** physical abuse or sexual misconduct committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of romantic or intimate nature.

**Domestic violence/abuse:** physical abuse or sexual misconduct committed by a current/former spouse, person with whom the victim shares a child in common, or cohabitant.

**Stalking:** engaging in a course of conduct that would cause a reasonable person substantial emotional distress, or to fear for their own safety/the safety of others.

9% of Aggies experienced intimate partner violence.

3.5% of Aggies experienced stalking on our campus or in the community.

AAU Survey, 2015
Consent

Clear, voluntary, and ongoing [verbal or non-verbal] agreement to engage in a specific sexual act.
Which of the following is true about consent?

Consent is freely given
Consent is reversible
Consent is informed
Consent is enthusiastic
Consent is specific
All of the above are true
Intimacy with someone should be without force, pressure, manipulation, or incapacitation.

Anyone can change their mind about being intimate at any time.

“Yes” to one thing does not mean “yes” to other things.

If someone isn’t excited about intimacy or not into it, that’s not consent.

Partners in a relationship should be honest and respectful of each others’ boundaries and preferences before/during intimate activity.

**CONSENT**

- Freely Given
- Reversible
- Informed
- Enthusiastic
- Specific
Step In, Stand Up
for fellow Aggies
What is Step In Stand Up?
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**Step In as an active bystander**
Green Dot is a *bystander intervention* training and call to action for Aggies to prevent potential acts of violence.

**STAND Up to support victims & survivors**
Stand Up teaches Aggies how to have positive & helpful conversations with those impacted by a traumatic event.
Rights, Resources, and Reporting
for those impacted by interpersonal violence
Civil Rights and Equity Investigations

Title IX Coordinator

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Hey... what’s Title IX?

A federal law that protects people from sex discrimination in education programs that receive federal $$.

Any complaint of discrimination based on a protected status, including interpersonal violence, can be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.
In your NSC bag:

**Confidential Resource:** a place that can provide guidance and help and typically does not have to tell anyone else.

**Non-confidential Resource:** a place that can provide guidance and help, but will have to tell the Title IX office (Civil Rights & Equity Investigations).