

Coordinating Committee on Prevention of Sexual Assault & Harassment Newsletter

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About Us

The <u>Coordinating Committee for Prevention of Sexual Assault & Harassment</u> was created by the <u>Task Force</u> in order to support our institutional efforts to address the incidence of sexual assault & harassment. The Committee works to support the Title IX Coordinator/Office in advancing our efforts to address the issues of sexual assault & harassment. To learn more about each member, click their picture.

















Prevention Calendar Launch

The Prevention Education
Subcommittee is excited to
announce the official launch of
the Sexual Violence Prevention
Education Calendar via Google
Calendar designed to support
student organizations as they
plan prevention education
initiatives on campus. The goal
of this calendar is to promote
collaboration within our student
body to enhance one another's
efforts. To add an event to the
calendar use this form.

The purpose of this newsletter is to serve as an educational tool for campus community members. This newsletter will include updates on campus sexual misconduct, data, resources, featured events, and other information that can help ensure a safe and informed campus.

- In the News
- Member/Student Organization Highlights
- Featured/Upcoming Events
- Campus Data
- Special Editions (i.e. Sexual Assault Awareness Month & Climate Survey)

If you have anything that you would like to submit, please email mayanthi@wm.edu.

Coordinating Committee – What we do:

The Coordinating Committee operates around the following primary functions:

- Prevention and education: Developing and implementing evidence informed trainings for students (undergraduate and graduate) and faculty/staff.
- Policy and procedure: Assessing and revising policies and procedures to best the campus community.
- Assessment: Regularly assess education, policy, and campus climate to inform our strategic planning.

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William & Mary Climate Survey 2016-2017 Results Preview

During the spring of the 2016-17 school year, William & Mary launched a comprehensive climate survey on sexual misconduct for graduate and undergraduate students to gain a better understanding of how these issues impact our campus. Results of this survey are summarized but not limited to what is provided below. For a more in-depth look at this data, please contact mayanthi@wm.edu.

Nationally, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men will experience sexual violence while in college. (NSVRC) William & Mary's rates are no different.

1 in 5

Women are the victim of physical sexual violence while a student at William & Mary



Men are the victim of physical sexual violence while a student at William & Mary





For victims of sexual misconduct, the primary reason they did not contact a campus resource was due to not thinking it was serious enough to report.

63%

of students personally know at least one William & Mary student that was a victim of sexual misconduct

Average number of William & Mary sexual misconduct victims personally known by William & Mary students

3.11

11%

of students suspected a friend has sexually assulated an individual. Of those, 62% spoke to the individual, someone else, or took action in another way.

Source

2017 William & Mary Sexual Misconduct Climate study, administered to all undergraduate and graduate students

71.3% of respondents indicated they were somewhat, very, or extremely knowledgeable about how sexual misconduct is defined at William & Mary.

69.4% of respondents reported being the victim of at least one type of sexual misconduct. (64.9% harassment, 12.4% stalking, 20.4% interpersonal/domestic violence, 20.9% physical sexual violence (including incapacitation), and 19.9% non-physical sexual violence.)

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The MOST important piece of information everyone should know is that sexual misconduct is NOT tolerated at William & Mary and it IS PREVENTABLE! Sexual misconduct is a serious issue at William & Mary, which is why it is imperative that campus professionals and students team up to create a community free of violence.

Here is how you can get involved:

Prevention



No one is exempt from the responsibility to prevent sexual misconduct. Learn, Join, and Act to keep our campus violence free!

Join Us!

Check out these great resources on campus working to end campus sexual assault!



Resources

Non-Confidential On-Campus Resources:

William & Mary Police (757)221-4596 or 911 201 Ukrop Way

Dean of Students Office (757) 221-2510 deanofstudents@wm.edu Campus Center 109

Title IX Compliance and Equity Office (757) 221-3146 James Blair Hall 108

Residence Life Student Staff i.e. R.A.s

Confidential On-Campus Resources:

Student Health Center (757) 221-3998 sthlth@wm.edu 230 Gooch Drive

The Haven: A Safe Space (757) 221-2449 thehaven@wm.edu Campus Center 166 Liz Cascone, Director of the Haven

W&M Counseling Center (757) 221-3620 Blow Hall 240 **Off-Campus Resources:**

The Avalon Center (757) 258-5051

Center for Sexual Assault Survivors (757)236-5260

VA Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-838-8238

National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-4673

Area hospitals and medical centers i.e. Riverside Hospital, Med Express