THE RSVP CENTER

The Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center is a comprehensive education and resource service for the MU community; students, parents, guardians, loved ones, faculty and staff.

With active prevention efforts, the RSVP Center is committed to decreasing the number of students who are sexually assaulted, raped, abused in a relationship or stalked, and to creating a campus culture that does not tolerate relationship and sexual violence and stalking.

RSVP CENTER SERVICES

Referrals/Advocacy: Professional, trauma-informed staff members provide referrals for counseling, medical and legal services through basic case management and advocacy. Resources are available for local, state and national referrals.

Education: Trained peer educators provide information on power-based personal violence and how to intervene.

Student Organizations: RSVP Center students and staff hold regular meetings and organize events to raise awareness about and educate the Mizzou community about these issues.

Resources: The RSVP Center houses a lending library of books, articles and videos, as well as a lounge with TV and conference table space to reserve.

Additional Information available online at RSVP.MISSOURI.EDU

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

MU Police Department
573-882-7201 • www.mupolice.com

Columbia Police Department
573-874-7652

True North Shelter Crisis Hotline
573-875-1370 or 1-800-548-2480
www.truenorthofcolumbia.org

University Hospital
573-882-4141 • www.muhealth.org

MU Counseling Center
573-882-6601 • counseling.missouri.edu

Office of Student Conduct
573-882-5543 • conduct.missouri.edu

Title IX
title9.missouri.edu

RAINN National Hotline
(Connects to nearest crisis hotline)
1-800-656-HOPE • www.rainn.org

Missouri Crisis Line
1-888-761-HELP (4357) • Text HAND to 839863

Please contact the RSVP Center (573-882-6638) for assistance in locating additional resources.

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WE TAKE VIOLENCE ON OUR CAMPUS SERIOUSLY

STATISTICS

• 1 in 5 college women have experienced forced intercourse (rape or attempted rape).\(^1\)
• 1 in 12 men have experienced rape or physical assault by their intimate partner.
• The vast majority (approximately 80%) of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim...perhaps someone she/he met in class or at a party.\(^1\)
• Approx. 3.4 million Americans were stalked during the course of 1 year and rates of stalking are statistically higher on college campuses.\(^2\)

With numbers like these, we cannot afford to be silent about violence in our campus community.

AS A FAMILY MEMBER, WHAT CAN I DO?

LISTEN. BELIEVE. SUPPORT.

• Educate yourself and your family with the information in this brochure.
• Initiate open discussions with your family about relationship and sexual violence and stalking.
• Encourage your student to join the “Green Dot Mizzou” Facebook fan page.
• Always support, believe and avoid blaming an individual who is courageous enough to disclose information about an assault or stalking.
• Visit the RSVP Center’s website (rsvp.missouri.edu) to learn more about issues and services.
• Encourage faculty, residence halls, Greek chapters and others to schedule programs on relationship and sexual violence and stalking.
• Volunteer for and/or donate to your local shelter for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
• Talk to others you know about these issues.


YOU CAN DO SOMETHING TO HELP. EDUCATE OTHERS WITH WHAT YOU KNOW.

RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

• An acquaintance, rather than a stranger, most often commits rape and sexual assault. This could be at a party, friend’s house or residence hall.
• Alcohol is the most commonly used drug to facilitate rape, as it decreases inhibitions, reaction time, and awareness of surroundings. A person cannot legally consent to sex if she/he is intoxicated.
• It can be helpful for friends to have a plan for watching out for each other and getting home from social events...and to stick with that plan.
• RSVP Center staff can help survivors with the medical and legal processes, and provide academic and housing advocacy as needed.

RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

• Abuse does not solely occur when individuals are married. Violence commonly occurs in dating relationships as well.
• Warning signs of violence and abuse in relationships can include extreme jealousy, controlling behavior (e.g. needing to consistently know the partner’s whereabouts), and isolation from friends and family.
• RSVP Center staff can help survivors safety plan to make the best decisions for their specific situation.

STALKING

• Stalking is any repeated, unwanted contact and is startlingly common on college campuses, due to students’ routine schedules and access to personal information.
• Stalking can include repeated phone calls, emails or text messages, following a person, or any behavior used to harass the individual.
• Stalking is often a precursor to more violent behavior.
• RSVP Center staff members can help survivors fill out a stalking log, ex parte Order of Protection documents and more.

DO A GREEN DOT!

A GREEN DOT IS AN ACT THAT HELPS TO END VIOLENCE.

At MU, we reduce violence one moment at a time, one Green Dot at a time.

• If you detect a situation that could potentially turn violent, intervene in some way and try to prevent it from happening.
• If you detect a situation in which violence has already occurred, refer those involved to the relevant resources and/or provide them with an RSVP Center Care Card.

SUPPORT GREEN DOT MIZZOU!

• A Green Dot is starting a conversation with family and friends about how much these issues matter to you.
• A Green Dot is encouraging your student to pull others out of high-risk situations.
• A Green Dot is simply your choice to promote a safer society.
• A Green Dot is teaching your student to do the same.