

# APRIL

is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**16%**

of American women have been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

**3%**

of American men have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

**21%**

of transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming college students have been sexually assaulted.

**Every 98 seconds another person experiences a sexual assault.**

You can walk  
away from a  
statistic, but you  
can't walk away  
from a friend.



# **Wait, what's sexual assault?**

*It's never the survivor's fault.*

Sexual assault is a crime based on perceived power and control, and exists in many different forms, including:

**Unwanted touching and/or fondling**

**Rape and attempted rape**

**Forcing someone to perform sexual acts**

**It can be verbal (threats) or visual (taking sexual pictures without consent)**

# YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

*According to MU's Campus Climate  
Survey in 2015,*

**27.2%**

of **female** undergraduates reported "nonconsensual sexual contact (ranging from unwanted kissing to assault) involving physical force or incapacitation since they entered MU."

**5.9%**

of **male** undergraduates reported "nonconsensual sexual contact involving physical force or incapacitation since they entered MU."

**More than 28%**

of MU students "believe that sexual assault and misconduct are very or extremely problematic for the university."

Many perpetrators  
of sexual violence  
know the  
victim/survivor.

*But that doesn't mean  
it's not an assault.*



*"Approximately 3 out of 4 sexual  
assaults are committed by  
someone known to the victim,  
such as in the case of intimate  
partner sexual violence or  
acquaintance rape."*

**- RAINN.org**

Have you been  
affected by sexual  
assault?

Just remember,  
you are not alone.

We believe your  
story, and we  
support you.

# RESOURCES

Have you, a friend, or a loved one experienced sexual assault? Here are some resources to share.

## **RSVP (Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention) Center**

Provides advocacy, limited case management, and referrals for those who have experienced sexual assault or are seeking resources. Works with MU community members in crisis.

Also offers education and prevention programming to community.  
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## **True North Shelter**

Provides a safe space for survivors of violence and their minor children, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Provides legal and medical advocacy for survivors, community outreach, and many more services to Columbia.

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## **MU Counseling Center and 24-hour hotline**

Offers resources, professional help and referrals to students and community members in crisis. If you or a friend are facing a crisis after hours, give the Counseling Center's 24-hour hotline a call at 573-882-6601.

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# MORE RESOURCES

## **Student Health Center**

Provides individual and group counseling. Works within an integrated model of care: psychologists and social workers collaborate with psychiatrists, physicians, and other health care professionals working together to provide comprehensive and individually tailored care.

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## **University Hospital's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)**

Provides forensic exams, STI/STD treatment, emergency contraception and other resources. A SANE exam is free of charge for survivors, and trained advocates are available to stay with survivors during the process.

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## **The LEAD Institute**

Provides leadership through education, advocacy, crisis intervention services, counseling and other direct services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, and Late Deafened victims, survivors, and their families.

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**Office of Civil Rights and  
Title IX**

**MU Police Department**

This is not an exhaustive list.

Visit [rsvp.missouri.edu](https://rsvp.missouri.edu) for more resource information.