

# THINK S.A.F.E. PROJECT

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The **Think S.A.F.E. Project** envisions a safe campus climate that is free of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. To that end, our mission is to partner with campus members and community agencies to foster individual and collective action to end sexual and relationship violence by:

- (1) promoting a greater awareness and consciousness regarding sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking;
- (2) Providing violence prevention education and intervention strategies to the campus community.
- (3) Fostering a safe environment where survivors are empowered to access resources; and
- (4) Providing advocacy and support to survivors and their allies through a coordinated community response effort.

**Think S.A.F.E.** is an intentional collaboration with faculty, staff, students and community partners to foster an environment that truly engages students to act with integrity, civility, and the utmost respect for the dignity of all human beings as inspired by the Connecticut College Honor Code.

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# Sexual Assault On Campus

**What every student should know...**

What is Consent?

The Sexual Misconduct Policy  
Resources

Reporting Options



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*For the complete Sexual Misconduct Policy,  
please refer to the Student Handbook  
which is available on CamelWeb or in the  
Office of Student Life.*

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## Important Phone Numbers

### CONFIDENTIAL/PRIVATE:

**Coordinator of Sexual Violence Education & Advocacy/Think S.A.F.E. Project** (860) 439-2219

**Student Counseling Services** (860) 439-4587  
*Hours:* Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-7pm; Fri 8:30am-5pm

**Student Health Services** (860) 439-2275  
*Hours:* Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-7pm; Fri 8:30am-5pm

**Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life/Chaplains**  
(860) 439-2450

### OTHER ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES:

**Dean of Student Life**  
(860) 439-2825

**Area Coordinators / Residential Education And Living** (860) 439-2834

### **Housefellows/Floor Governors**

**Campus Safety**  
Emergencies x111  
Non-Emergencies (860) 439-2222  
*Campus Safety personnel are here to help - the officers can make contact with the Coord. of Sexual Violence Education & Advocacy, Administrator On-Call, the New London Police, or medical personnel.*

### OFF CAMPUS:

**Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern CT**  
**24 Hour Hotline:** 1-888-999-5545

**Lawrence and Memorial Hospital**  
(860) 442-0711(ask for the Emergency Room)

**New London Police Department**  
Emergencies 911  
Non-Emergencies (860) 447-5269

**RAINN**  
1-800-656-HOPE  
Online Hotline <http://apps.rainn.org/ohl-bridge/>

## Our Policy & Effective Consent

Connecticut College defines “sexual misconduct” as any sexual contact or activity that occurs without the informed consent of any individual involved.

### The Sexual Misconduct Policy encompasses:

1. Sexual Assault
2. Non-consensual Sexual Contact
3. Sexual Harassment & Stalking
4. Sexual Exploitation

**CONSENT** is KEY: Consent implies words and/or actions that demonstrate a voluntary agreement to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity.

1. **Both partners must clearly communicate their willingness and permission.** Consent is a “yes” - not the absence of the word “no.” Failure to resist sexual advances, silence, and/or prior relationship does not constitute consent.
2. **Both partners need to be fully conscious and aware of their actions.** A person is unable to give consent if they are asleep, drugged, intoxicated, unconscious, a minor, mentally impaired or incapacitated. Signs that a person is intoxicated, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to give consent include but are not limited to: slurred speech, loss of coordination, passing out for any period of time, vomiting, and a verbalized feeling of being nauseous.
3. **Both partners must be equally free to act.** The decision to be sexually intimate must be made without coercion. Both partners have the right to revoke their consent at any time during sexual activity by actively (verbally or non-verbally) communicating their desire to stop the activity. A verbal “no” (no matter how indecisive) or resistance (no matter how passive) constitutes a lack of consent.

## Who Can I Call On Nights and Weekends?

If you have had an unwanted sexual experience and need assistance, the Coordinator of Sexual Violence Education & Advocacy is on-call throughout the academic year. She can be reached through **Campus Safety** or the **Administrator On-Call**, who is a professional staff person from the Offices of Student Life available after business hours, Monday-Friday, 5pm-8:30am and on weekends and holidays.

You can contact Campus Safety directly at x2222 or your **Housefellow or Floor Governors** can assist you. Off campus options for nights and weekends are also available (see 'Important Phone Numbers').

## Follow-up Response Options

Reporting options are not exclusive and there is support in place to assist with any decision a student makes. The Coordinator of Sexual Violence Education & Advocacy facilitates the Connecticut College Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) to insure a level of confidence and personal relationship with our community partners. The Coordinator can also provide guidance regarding reporting options, including being a support person throughout the process.

Please remember...

This experience was NOT your fault.  
Reach out for support because  
you are not alone.

## CRISIS SUPPORT & COUNSELING

Whether you are seeking support immediately after an assault or sometime later, there are several services available to you when you would like to focus on the emotional and physical healing process regarding the experience you've had. The **Coordinator of Sexual Violence Education & Advocacy** provides services such as short-term advocacy and support, safety planning, and housing, academic, medical and judicial/legal advocacy. **Student Counseling Services** works with students on a short or long-term basis to promote the emotional and psychological growth and well being of the student community. **Student Health Services** and/or **L&M Hospital** can assist students with any medical care they might need. Additionally, **Sexual Assault Crisis Services of Eastern CT** provides crisis intervention services 24 hours a day. For contact information, please see '*Important Phone Numbers.*'

## REPORTING THE CRIME

If you are a survivor of sexual assault, you have the choice to report the crime to local law enforcement and/or the Office of Student Life.

*Reporting with the New London Police Dept:* This is the option for students who would like to report the assault and, possibly, initiate a criminal investigation by calling the NLPD at (860) 447-5269. Legal options can be discussed with the New London State's Attorney Office of the Victim Advocate at (860) 443-8444.

*Reporting with the Office of Student Life:* Formal Complaints of a violation of the Honor Code's Sexual Misconduct Policy are filed through the Dean of Student Life. The complaint will be heard by the Dean's Grievance Hearing Board that consists of administrators/staff. There is no limitation to when complaints may be submitted.

## Important Information

### MEDICAL EXAM:

Students are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention and support regardless of when the incident occurred to be:

- treated for any injuries,
- given prophylactic antibiotics,
- offered emergency contraception (EC).

Physical evidence from a sexual assault must be collected within 96 hours of the assault. It is important that you do not wash yourself or your clothing before an examination (try to remember to bring a change of clothes with you). You are strongly encouraged to bring an advocate with you (see 'Important Phone Numbers'). Health Services (during business hours) or the Coordinator of Sexual Violence Education & Advocacy/Administrator On-Call (after hours) can provide support and arrange for transportation to L&M Hospital in New London.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You DO NOT have to press criminal charges to have a sexual assault examination completed. The state will hold the evidence for up to 60 days while you decide if you would like to make a formal report to the Police Department. For more information, please visit: [www.jud.ct.gov/Publications/vs030.pdf](http://www.jud.ct.gov/Publications/vs030.pdf) Sexual Assault Examinations are paid for by the State of Connecticut. Any additional medical needs, can be submitted to the Office of Victim Services. For more information, call 1-800-822-8428.



## ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS:

An individual accused of sexual misconduct **does not** avoid or mitigate responsibility because s/he was under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

If someone is drunk, they can NOT legally give consent.

If you are underage, you will not get in trouble if you report a sexual assault that happened while you were drinking.

## The Clery Act

The Jeanne Clery Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies.

When an individual comes to one of the campus support system people for support and advocacy, that person must inform the Dean of Student life that an incident was reported, per the federal Clery Act. Privacy will be maintained - they are not required to report names or specific details of the incident to anyone.

Counselors and the College Chaplains are not mandated to report any information under the Clery Act - all information is confidential.

*In accordance with the Connecticut  
College Honor Code, you have the right  
to be treated with integrity, civility, and  
the utmost respect for the dignity of all*