

SEXUAL ASSAULT DURING STUDY ABROAD

GUIDELINES FOR UW TACOMA
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM LEADERS

Response to Assaulted Student



- Be supportive
 - Don't press for details
 - Offer options
 - Let the student decide on a course of action (with one exception)
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Things to Say (and not say)

- ❑ “Thank you for telling me.”
- ❑ “I’m sorry this has happened to you.”
- ❑ “What can I do to help?”
- ❑ Avoid “why” questions.

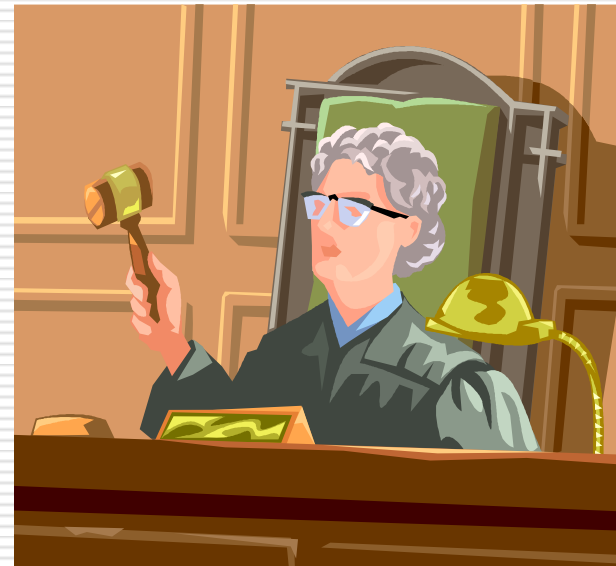


Your Immediate Responsibilities

- ❑ If student needs immediate care call UW International Emergency Phone Line: 001-206-632-0153
 - ❑ Offer to help student seek medical care
 - ❑ Discuss options with student
 - Criminal charges
 - Evacuation
 - Counseling
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Next Steps: Contact TSIM & UWT International Programs Office

- ❑ TSIM: 001-206-601-7292
- ❑ UWT Intl Programs 001-253-692-4426 or uwtoip@uw.edu
- ❑ TSIM will contact local Embassy (w/o revealing student identity) to inquire about how to file criminal charges



Filing a UWT Complaint

- If perpetrator is UWT student:
 - Victim may file report under Student Conduct Code
 - TSIM can assist student with process of reporting to UWT Dept of Student Svcs
 - Dept of Student Services can discuss possible outcomes with student
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Medical Care for Student



- Help student contact HTH or US Embassy to locate nearest medical facility
 - Screening for STD's
 - "Morning-after" prescription
 - Anti-HIV medications
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Counseling

- Offer to help student find counseling in local area
 - TSIM can help with locating counselor

 - Call or email UWT Intl Programs Office & they will contact UWT Student Counseling Center for student if he or she wants services (001-253-692-4426 or uwtoip@uw.edu)
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Medical Evacuation

- Student may evacuate if:
 - Anti-HIV drugs are recommended but not available locally
 - Counseling needed but not available
 - Significant trauma



Special Issues



- Male victims of sexual assault:
 - Less likely to report for fear of ridicule or disbelief
 - Less likely to want medical exam
 - May prefer to speak to or be examined by male OR older female
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Special Issues

- LGBT victims of sexual assault:
 - May fear to disclose assault for fear of being re-victimized
 - Same-sex survivors even LESS likely to report than LGBT survivors of assault by opposite sex perpetrator
 - May prefer to work with LGBT providers, if at all possible
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Your Ongoing Responsibilities

- Monitor student well-being
 - Periodically revisit student options
 - (including evacuation)
 - Consult with TSIM about additional concerns that may arise
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Support in Tacoma

- ❑ UWT Student Counseling Center
 - 253-692-4522
- ❑ Pierce County Crisis Line
 - 800-576-7764
- ❑ Sexual Assault Crisis Line
 - 800-756-7273



Get Support for Yourself



- Listening to trauma can be traumatic
 - Secondary traumatization
- Get counseling if needed
- Consult with TSIM as needed