

Students, Faculty, and Staff;

On the afternoon of October 16, the University's Public Safety Department received a report of an incident of sexual assault in a University residence hall. The names of the parties are known to one another but not to the University or the local police. This alert is being sent to all community members in the interest of campus safety and to aid in the prevention of similar incidents.

Villanova University does not tolerate sexual assault or sexual violence in any form. Sexual assault is a violation of the University's Code of Student Conduct, of Pennsylvania law, and of federal Title IX regulations. Individuals accused of sexual assault or any form of sexual violence can be prosecuted under the Pennsylvania Criminal Code and/or be subject to disciplinary action by Villanova University. Even when prosecution under state law is not pursued, the University may still pursue disciplinary action through its own channels, whether the alleged sexual violence occurred on or off campus. Students who are found responsible for an act of sexual violence under the University's Policy will face disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or dismissal from the University.

All students should know that –

- Sexual activity without consent is sexual violence. Consent is active, with all parties fully conscious and clearly communicating their intention to engage in any sexual activity.
- Alcohol and drugs may incapacitate or impair a person's ability to give meaningful consent.
- Intoxication of the person alleged to have committed the assault is never a defense.
- Villanova is committed to supporting the rights of a person reporting an incident of sexual violence to make an informed choice among options and services available.
- Support is also available to any student accused of sexual violence.

To report a sexual assault or an act of sexual violence --

Call *Public Safety @ 610-519-5800* or the *Sexual Assault Resource Coordinator (SARC) at 484-343-6028*

For more information about sexual violence, reporting, and sexual assault protocol --

Contact the University's Title IX Coordinator, Ms. Ryan Rost by phone at (610) 519-8805 or by email at ryan.rost@villanova.edu. You can also visit the University's sexual assault resource website at: www.villanova.edu/sexualassault