22% of undergraduate college students report experiencing at least one incident of sexual assault, however 72-95% of college students do not report.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT**
is sexual contact or behavior that occurs without explicit consent of someone. It impacts people of any age, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, identity, etc.

**Sexual Assault Includes:**
- Rape or attempted rape
- Unwanted sexual touching
- Forcing someone to perform sexual acts
- Pressuring someone to perform sexual acts

**HELPING RESOURCES**

Suffolk University
Counseling, Health & Wellness
73 Tremont Street, 5th Floor
617-573-8226 | suffolk.edu/chw

Suffolk University Title IX
73 Tremont Street, 13th Floor
617-573-8027 | suffolk.edu/titleix

Suffolk University Police Department
Ridgeway Building, 4th Floor
148 Cambridge Street
617-573-8111 (Emergency)
617-573-8333 (Non-Emergency)

Boston Area
Rape & Crisis Center (BARCC)
989 Commonwealth Ave
Room 133, Boston, MA
800-841-8371 (24/7 Hotline)
617-492-8306 (Boston Office)
barcc.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-4673 (24/7) | rainn.org

**CONSENT?**

Sexual consent is an agreement to participate in sexual activity. Before being sexual with someone, you need to know if they want to be sexual with you too. Consenting & asking for consent is about setting boundaries & respecting those of others & checking in if things aren't clear. Without consent, sexual activity is sexual assault.

**Consent is...**

- **FREELY GIVEN**
  Consent is a choice made without pressure, manipulation, or under the influence of alcohol/other drugs.

- **REVERSIBLE**
  Anyone can change their mind about what they feel like doing & can do that at anytime. Even if they have done it before, even if both people are naked in bed, etc.

- **INFORMED**
  Someone can only consent to something if they have the full story. For example, if someone says they will use a condom & then they don’t, that’s not consent.

- **ENTHUSIASTIC**
  When it comes to sex, people should only do what they WANT to do, not anything that they feel is expected.

- **SPECIFIC**
  Saying yes to one thing (like going to the bedroom to make out) does not mean it's alright to do other things.

**PREVENTION:**

Sexual violence is a preventable social justice, public health, criminal justice, & human rights issue. Having open & factual conversations, educating about healthy relationships, engaging with & informing bystanders, & other similar strategies contribute to positive & sustainable societal changes.

**RESPONSE:**

Response to a survivor of sexual assault should be informed by the strengths & needs of survivors & honor their voices, cultures, choices, & priorities. The quality of response to survivors by loved ones, professionals, social systems, the media, & organizations impacts their healing & also signals to other survivors & potential offenders about our societal values & commitment to safety & respect.

Information from The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)