

Safety Alert ***Reported Sexual Misconduct***

Date of Incident: 02/22/2014

Description: Skidmore College Campus Safety and the Title IX Deputy Coordinator are investigating 2 reports of sexual assault reported this past weekend. The first assault was committed by a stranger at an off campus location after meeting the victim on campus. The second assault took place on campus in a res hall room. Both assaults took place in the late night, early morning hours.

If you have any information:

Please contact Skidmore College Campus Safety at (518)580-5567

Each of us is responsible for helping to create a safe environment free of all forms of harassment and assault. Therefore:

1. Skidmore College does not tolerate sexual misconduct
2. Skidmore College encourages reporting
3. As a campus we will respond swiftly and appropriately to reports of sexual misconduct in order to protect individuals and the campus community
4. Skidmore College encourage all members of the community to be mindful of their own and others' safety at all times

Reporting Options

Students can choose to report incidents of sexual misconduct through the Title IX Deputy Coordinator (Mariel Martin (518)580-8212), Campus Safety (518)580-5566, the Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs (Rochelle Calhoun (518)580-5760) or off-campus by calling the Saratoga Springs Police Department at (518)584-1800

Skidmore College strives to promote an environment where mutual respect, communication, cultural competency, understanding, and awareness are the basis for any sexual behavior or activity. Unwelcome sexual contact of any form is a violation of students' personal integrity and their right to a safe environment and therefore violates Skidmore's values.

Please see Skidmore's Sexual Misconduct Policy for more information on Sexual Misconduct, Community Expectations and Effective Consent

http://www.skidmore.edu/student_handbook/sexual-misconduct.php

Sexual Misconduct Information & Support

Effective Consent maintains the value that all persons have the right to feel respected, acknowledged, and safe during sexual activity.

PLEASE KNOW:

- Sexual misconduct is any sexual activity that occurs in the absence of effective consent.
- Most perpetrators assault someone they know. Sexual misconduct occurs in all communities and people of all genders can be survivors.
- Responsibility lies with the perpetrator, not the survivor - no one deserves, asks for, or provokes sexual misconduct.
- Sexual misconduct can include sexual activity with someone whose judgment is impaired by alcohol and drugs, whether ingested voluntarily or unknowingly. Alcohol often is used by perpetrators to facilitate sexual misconduct.
- As a Skidmore community member, you have the right and responsibility to step in if you are concerned for someone's safety. YOU can make a difference! For more information on how to intervene, visit <http://www.skidmore.edu/leadership/documents/BystanderAwareness.pdf>

HELP AND SUPPORT:

On-Campus Confidential Support:

Counseling Center: 1st Floor Jonsson Tower; (518)580-5555

Health Services: 1st Floor Jonsson Tower; (518)580-5550

College Chaplain: Rick Chrisman; (518)580-8340

Victim Advocates: Jennifer McDonald (518)580-5684 & Michelle Murray (518)580-8256

Off-Campus Community Services:

Saratoga Hospital: (518)886-5800

Saratoga Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services: (518)584-8188

Peer to Peer Anonymous Advocacy & Support

Center for Sex & Gender Relations: 3rd Floor Case Center

- In-Person Hours: 2-6 Monday-Thursday; 1-5 Friday
- Hotline: (518)256-1439: Thursday evenings 7pm-Monday morning at 7am

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If you or someone you know has been affected by sexual misconduct or triggered by this alert, please reach out to the resources listed above. Support and assistance are available!

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