



GFWC PUBLIC ISSUES

CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS ACTION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

This toolkit was designed to help you gain a basic understanding of sexual assault as it occurs on college campuses in the United States. In addition to learning about the problem, you will also learn about federal laws and national efforts that combat sexual assault and how you can take action within your community.

WORKSHEETS/FLIERS/ONE PAGERS

See attached one pager.

VIDEOS

GFWC recommends a showing of the documentary entitled "The Hunting Ground" Directed and Produced by Kirby Dick and Amy Ziering respectively, which is available on DVD. A panel or discussion is also recommended following any video or movie screenings.

- It's On Us PSA:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNMZo31LziM>
- It's on Us PSA (One Thing):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dx54t8h5Q5U>

OUTSIDE RESOURCES

For More Information

- **National Sexual Violence Resource Center:** NSVRC offers information on trainings, programming, and national/state resources.
- **Not Alone:** Find information and resources for students, schools, and the general public about how to respond to and prevent sexual assault.
- **RAINN:** Find information on sexual assault including statistics, types, effects, and how to recover. Existing Educational and Public Awareness Initiatives

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- **It's On Us:** An educational campaign aimed at raising awareness about sexual assault on campus, encouraging bystander intervention, and preventing sexual assault altogether. It is everyone's job to come together to prevent sexual assault. Take the pledge and make a personal commitment to help keep women and men safe from sexual assault.
- **Take Back the Night:** An after-dark march that makes the statement that women have the right to be in public at night without the risk of sexual violence.



Hotlines

- The National Sexual Assault Hotline operated by [RAINN](#) connects the caller with a trained staff member from a local sexual assault service provider: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673). RAINN also operates a 24/7 National Sexual Assault Online [Hotline](#) where sexual assault survivors and their friends and families can get help through live chat.
- Loveisrespect, Break the Cycle, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline partnered to create a hotline that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Those experiencing abusive behaviors can call 1-866-331-9474, [chat online](#), or text “loveis” to 22522 to speak with a trained peer advocate.

STATE RESOURCES

Find your local coalition against sexual assault through the National Sexual Violence Resource Center ([NSVRC](#)) or the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network ([RAINN](#)).

In addition to National Sexual Assault Hotlines, there are also many [State Sexual Assault Hotlines](#).

Use the RAINN [“Find Help Near You”](#) tool to find local sexual assault service providers.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

ADVOCATE

- [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#)
- Organize a “Day on the Hill” with your State Federation or in your local community
- Work with local colleges and universities to ensure that best practices are in place to protect students. [Pledge](#) with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to deliver new resources from the U.S. Department of Education to Title IX coordinators at your local schools.

PROMOTE AWARENESS

- Utilize the Campus Sexual Assault Social Media Tool and encourage your club/state to do the same
- Utilize outside resources to obtain guest speakers at your next club meeting
- Partner with a local university or student organization to begin an awareness campaign or to host an awareness and prevention workshop for students and the local community

