

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – MARCH 2, 2005

ALERT:
Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:
Important Incident

BULLETIN:
General Information

Recent news stories and police reports of sexual assaults reported in the Highland, Merriam Park and Macalester-Groveland areas of St. Paul have led Public Safety and Student Affairs to advise the UST community of the following.

Sexual violence will not be tolerated

Sexual violence is not acceptable behavior and will not be tolerated on our campus or by our community members. Sexual assault is not the victim's fault. If you are assaulted, get to a safe place and tell someone (friend, RA, hall director, counselor, Public Safety, police). Seek medical attention. Protect evidence and do not comb hair, shower, douche, change or wash clothes. If you suspect you were drugged, seek an immediate test; date rape drugs have a very short half-life and pass from your system quickly.

Of those sexual assaults reported, many are between people known to each other

Public Law enforcement and university officials, including Public Safety, will provide the support you need as a victim of sexual assault. If you are unsure of what to do, the university can and will provide you with an advocate of your choosing.

The following tips will assist you in protecting yourself from becoming the victim of sexual assault

- Don't let alcohol or drugs decrease your ability to take care of yourself
- Do not accept drinks from other people
- Only drink beverages you have seen poured, and watch your drink at all times
- Don't leave a party or other group function with a person you don't know well
- Trust your feelings; if something doesn't feel right, it usually isn't
- Let someone know where you are going, who you are going with and approximate time you will be home
- Be aware, stay informed and seek assistance

Sexual Assault Resources

UST Emergency Phone Numbers
Public Safety
(651) 962-5555,
or 5555 from any campus phone

UST Non-emergency Phone Numbers
Public Safety – (651) 962-5100
Student Health Services – (651) 962-6750
Personal Counseling – (651) 962-6780

Police Emergency Line – 911

United Hospital Emergency Room
SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner)
(651) 241-8755

RAINN
(Rape, Assault, and Incest National Network)
(800) 656-HOPE

UST Sexual Violence Process Coordinators
Liz Dussol (651) 962-6303
Sr. Sharon Howell (651) 962-6461

St. Paul Police Department non-emergency
(651) 291-1111

Minneapolis Police Department non-emergency
(612) 673-2345

MN Coalition for Sexual Assault
(612) 313-2797

Sexual Offense Services
24-hour Hotline
(651) 643-3006

Public Safety urges you to be pro-active and alert. *You can help prevent crime!*

If you have information regarding crimes on campus you are urged to contact
Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 and the police (651) 291-1111