

WHAT IS THIS NOTICE?

Timely Warning notifications are released by the George Mason University Department of Police and Public Safety (Mason Police) to alert the campus community about crimes that pose a serious or continuing threat to safety. These public notifications are intended to enable campus community members to protect themselves.

Trigger warning: This notification addresses a report of two separate on-campus sexual assaults.

To the George Mason University Community,

Mason Police is giving notice of a recent trend of sexual assaults involving Mason students and online dating applications. Two separate incidents involving online dating and rape occurred in student residence halls on the Fairfax Campus, the first on January 24th, 2016 and the second on February 7th, 2016.

- On Tuesday, January 26th, 2016, Mason Police received information that a female student was sexually assaulted by a male student on Sunday, January 24th, 2016 after meeting online.
- On Monday, February 8th, 2016, Mason Police received information that a female student was sexually assaulted by a male student on Saturday, February 6th, 2016 after meeting online.

Note: *The aforementioned sexual assaults were reported to Mason Police by Mason employees in compliance with federal campus crime reporting laws and regulations. Due to confidentiality of reporting, limited information is available regarding the incidents.*

SEXUAL VIOLENCE RISK REDUCTION

Mason Police reminds members of the Mason community of the following information to help reduce the possibility of victimization and to enhance opportunities to deliver assistance (Note: the following information is general in nature and does not relate to any specific incident):

- Always seek verbal, sober, and clear consent before a sexual act. Immediately stop sexual advances if the other person indicates no interest or if they say “no.” Consent to one sexual act does not imply consent to another. The absence of “no” does not mean “yes.”
- If you’re not sure that you’re getting a clear, enthusiastic “yes” from your partner, it is your responsibility to ask.
- You cannot assume that you have consent because someone is not physically resisting or verbally refusing sexual contact.
- Consent is not to be inferred from silence, passivity, or a lack of resistance.
- Pressuring or coercing someone into engaging in sexual activity is sexual assault.

- If you are ever in a situation on campus where you are unsure or scared, call Mason Police immediately at 703-993-2810 or 9-1-1 (for Mason Korea, call 1-1-9).
- If you witness a situation that appears unsafe or makes you uncomfortable, intervene if it's safe to do so, elicit help from a friend, or go to a safe area and call for help.
- Seek medical help immediately if a friend starts to exhibit symptoms of dizziness and/or nausea, memory loss, breathing or motion difficulties, or is acting disproportionately intoxicated relative to the amount of alcohol ingested.

George Mason University's policy on sexual misconduct can be found online at <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/sexual-harassment-policy/>.

REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS

Members of the Mason community are encouraged to report all crimes and suspicious persons or incidents, however minor, to **Mason Police immediately at 703-993-2810 or 9-1-1 (for Mason Korea, call 1-1-9)**.

ON-CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Options for seeking support without putting the University on notice to investigate the incident:

- ***Wellness, Alcohol, and Violence Education and Services (WAVES):** Provides students impacted by sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking with a confidential space to receive support and discuss reporting options and living and academic accommodations. During business hours call (703) 993-9999, for the 24-Hour Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Crisis Line call (703) 380-1434, <http://waves.gmu.edu/>
- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS):** During business hours call 703-993-2380, during non-business hours or life-threatening emergencies call Mason Police at 703-993-2810 or 9-1-1, <http://caps.gmu.edu/>
- ***Student Health Services:** During business hours call 703-993-2831, during non-business hours call the free after-hours nurse 703-993-2831, during emergencies call 9-1-1, <http://shs.gmu.edu/>
- ***Mason Korea Health Services / Sexual Offense Services:** During business hours call 032-626-0553, for the 24-hour Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Crisis Line call 032-626-1366, during emergencies call 1-1-9, <http://www.igc.or.kr/en/campus/health.do>
- ***Office of the Ombudsman:** Call 703-993-3306, <http://ombudsman.gmu.edu/index.cfm>

** Certain incidents that occur on or near campus are recorded for federal statistics purposes without any identifying information (e.g., names, initials, contact information, etc.).*

ON-CAMPUS NON-CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Options for seeking support and putting the University on notice to investigate the incident:

- **Title IX Coordinator:** Protects any person from sex-based discrimination, including sexual violence. Call 703-993-8730 or e-mail cde@gmu.edu, <http://integrity.gmu.edu/compliance/titleIX.cfm>
- **Office of Student Conduct:** Call 703-993-6209, <http://studentconduct.gmu.edu/>
- **Office of Student Support:** Call 703-993-5376, <http://studentsupport.gmu.edu/>
- **Office of Housing & Residential Life:** Call 703-993-2720, <http://housing.gmu.edu/>
- **Employee Relations:** Call 703-993-3878, http://hr.gmu.edu/emp_relations

OFF-CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

- **Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline:** Call 24 hour hotline/helpline 800-838-8238, Confidential Text Messaging: 804-793-9999, Monday-Friday 8am-8pm
- **Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN):** Call 24 hour hotline/helpline 800-656-HOPE (4673), <https://www.rainn.org/>

This notification is in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 (The Clery Act). For more information on the Clery Act, visit <http://police.gmu.edu/clery-act-reporting/>.