

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed each April, it is used as an opportunity to promote education and the prevention of sexual violence. The aim is also to encourage individuals to take steps to report and prevent it in their communities

What is Sexual Assault

Sexual assault happens when someone touches another person in a sexual manner without their consent. Or when someone makes another person take part in a sexual activity with them without that person's consent. It includes unwanted kissing and sexual touching.

Types of sexual assault

- Rape and attempted rape
- Intimate partner rape
- Unwanted sexual touching, groping or fondling
- Sexual contact with minors, whether consensual or not
- Any unwanted or coerced sexual contact

Regardless of sex, gender identity, age, or ethnicity,

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault.

It is important to note that sexual violence happens on a spectrum not a hierarchy, and experiences of violence might not occur in the same way or in the same type of relationship .
You are encouraged to consult about your experience.

For more information on how gender-based violence and sexual offences are handled at Rhodes University, please email m.buso@ru.ac.za

Please report any cases of harassment, discrimination, and sexual violence to the **Anti-Harassment and Discrimination Office**, Steve Biko Building, Office 335 email m.buso@ru.ac.za or phone **046 603 8187**

For assistance after hours call **ER24 010 205 3068** or call **CPU 046 603 8146**

Should you wish to open a criminal case please call **SAPS 046 603 9111**