



# EVOC

end violence on campus

## Why Students Don't Seek Help

*What they tell us...*

### Academics

Concerns that instructors will not believe them

### Alcohol

Fear of getting ticket for underage drinking if they report to police

### Misconception

Unclear that what happened to them is sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking

### Privacy

Don't want parents to find out what happened to them

*“There were a couple times that I really, really wanted to go to my teaching assistants and say that I know I'm not doing stellar work, but explain why. I was just kind of afraid. I thought maybe they'd think I was making excuses.”*

### Safety

Fear of retaliation by the perpetrator

### Services Available

Don't know where to go or who to contact for help

### Social Norms

Scared that friends will think it was their fault

### Systemic

Unclear about what happens if they report to campus authorities and having to tell their story numerous times

Students are more likely to tell an instructor or an advisor than a campus disciplinary authority

## If a Student Tells You...

*How you can respond*

### Listen with Empathy

This is the most important thing you can do. *“I'm sorry that happened to you.”*  
*“Thank you for telling me.”*

### Support and Respect Her Decisions

Don't assume you know what is best for her. *“What kind of help do you need?”*  
*“When you are ready, there is help available.”*

### Know About Available Resources

You don't have to be an expert to know how to help. Keep a resource card or brochure handy so you can help a student know more about her options.

*“As an employee of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, you have certain responsibilities to victims who disclose to you. For more information please contact the Office of Administrative Legal Services.”*

## We all have a role to play in making it easier for students to get help.

- 25% of college women experience sexual assault
- Only 5% of victims report the assault to law enforcement
- 32% of students experience dating violence by a previous partner
- 3 in 10 college women are being injured emotionally or psychologically from being stalked

Victims who don't tell anyone what happened are more likely to

- blame themselves
- experience ongoing post-traumatic symptoms
- withdraw from college

### EVOC: End Violence on Campus

### Community Partners

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- Dane County District Attorney
- Domestic Abuse Intervention Services Inc.
- Madison Police Department
- Meriter Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program
- Rape Crisis Center
- Dane County Victim/Witness Unit/ Domestic Violence Program
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

- Chancellor
- Committee on Women in the University
- Dean of Students and the Division of Student Life:
  - Associated Students of Madison
  - Center for the First-Year Experience
  - International Student Services
  - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Campus Center
  - McBurney Disability Resource Center
  - Multicultural Student Center
  - Student Assistance and Judicial Affairs

- Division of Information Technology (DoIT)
- Division of Recreational Sports
- Enrollment Management
- EVOC Coordinating Council
- Office for Equity and Diversity
- Parent Program
- PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment
- Provost
- University Communications
- University Health Services
- University Housing
- UW Athletics
- UW Police Department
- Vice Provost for Diversity and Climate
- Wisconsin Union

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to elicit or draw forth; to call up;  
cause to appear; summon

EVOC change. EVOC equality. EVOC respect.

