

Sexual Violence Prevention Program

30% of all students and 42% of women indicated that they had experienced at least one act of sex without consent in a 2006 survey of UWW students.

59% did not label the experience sexual assault. Many never told anyone.

Why do we need to discuss this issue with all First Year Students?

- * The first year of college is an especially high risk time.
- * We need to set the tone early indicating UWW is a community of respect and has zero tolerance for sexual assault.
- * Students need to be empowered to try to stop the sexual violence around them and know what resources are available to help them.
- * UW System has mandated that we do so.

The goals of the program are:

to decrease sexual violence and
to increase rates of reporting when it does occur.

How the program works

Students learn from the presenter and each other through a brief power point and interactive exercises where students share their opinions and beliefs. Every class discussion is unique. Students learn:

- They have the right to never be touched sexually without their consent.
- They never have the right to touch others sexually without their consent.
- What they can do to protect themselves and their friends.
- How to speak up or get help when they see someone at risk.
- The perpetrator is responsible for the assault not the survivor.
- More survivors will report when they feel their peers will believe and support them.
- How to support a sexual assault survivor.
- Most students don't have sex without consent nor view it as acceptable.

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