

## Megan's Law: Sex Offender Registration

You can search online for "high risk" and "serious" sex offenders in the cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley and Norco by using the interactive map for the state of California at the Internet address <http://meganslaw.ca.gov/index.html> or you can visit the Riverside Police Department at 4102 Orange St., Riverside, CA 92501 or the Riverside Sheriff's Department Jurupa Station at 7477 Mission Blvd., Riverside, CA 92509 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They have computers and workstations set up for the public to access this website. Additionally, information on sex offender registration is available at the office of the State of California Attorney General, [www.caag.state.ca.us/megan](http://www.caag.state.ca.us/megan). The National Sex Offender Public Registry is available through the U.S. Department of Justice at [www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov).

Faculty, staff and students of the Riverside Community College District may obtain information on registered sex offenders who are students, employees or volunteers at a specific college center or facility within the District by calling the RCCD Police at (951) 222-8171 to schedule an appointment.

## Reporting Policy for Annual Crime Statistics

The District office of Student Services and RCCD Police is involved in a coordinated effort to generate, compile, and report crime, arrest and student disciplinary information contained in this report. District employees who hold significant responsibilities for students and campus activities also provide reportable crime incident information for this report. Relevant crime data from the Riverside Police Department and the Riverside Sheriff's Department are also included. The RCCD Police Department closely reviews all data to ensure accuracy and avoid any possible duplication of information.

## Crime Prevention

It is the philosophy of the RCCD that security is everybody's business. Students, faculty, staff and visitors are partners in creating an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning. One of the essential ingredients of any successful crime prevention program is an informed public. It is the goal of the RCCD to inform students and staff in a timely manner of any criminal activity or security problem that may pose a reasonable threat to their safety. Such information will be distributed to students via brochures, newsletters, posted notices, student publications, and the District website.

Faculty and staff are informed through in-house memos, bulletins, newsletters, and email. Finally, all effective crime prevention programs include some measure of people watching out for one another. All staff and students are asked to be alert, security conscious and involved. Call RCCD Police at (951) 222-8171 whenever you see suspicious behavior.

## Sexual Assault and Acquaintance Rape

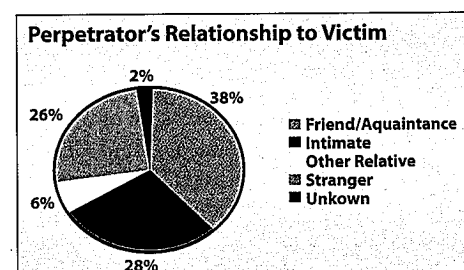
Sexual assault is a horrible and traumatic crime. However, there are many misconceptions about sexual assault and rape.

### What is Rape?

The crime of rape generally refers to non-consensual intercourse that is committed by physical force, threat or injury, or other duress. A lack of consent can include the victim's inability to say "no" to intercourse, due to the effects of drugs or alcohol. Rape can occur when the offender and victim have a pre-existing relationship (sometimes called "date rape"), or even when the offender is the victim's spouse.

Under a variation of rape known as "statutory rape," some states, including California, make it unlawful for an adult to engage in sexual intercourse with a person who has not reached the age of consent (usually 18 years of age). The most common type of rape is acquaintance rape. (Date rape is one type of acquaintance rape.)

- **Every two and a half minutes**, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted.
- **One in six American women** are victims of sexual assault, and one in 33 men.
- In 2004-2005, there was an annual average of **200,780 victims** of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.
- About 44% of rape victims are under age 18, and 80% are under age 30.
- Since 1993, **rape/sexual assault has fallen by over 69%**.



\*Statistical information obtained from the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

## What Can You Do About Sexual Assault?

Know that you have the right to sexual limits. It is your body and no one has the right to force you to do something you don't want to do. Learn to feel comfortable with this right. Make your expectations clear. If you don't want someone touching you, let them know in a **clear, forceful manner**.

Here are suggestions to help reduce your risk:

- There is strength in numbers or group dates. Go to parties or clubs with a friend and be responsible for each other. Don't split up. Have a pre-planned signal to let your friend know that you want to leave or need help.
- Control your alcohol; don't let it control you. Drink responsibly or not at all, especially on first dates.
- Do not abuse any substance that might hinder your ability to say "no."
- Know your limits. It's never too late to say "no." Don't be embarrassed or ashamed to say "no" or ask someone to stop. It is your body.
- Verbalize your expectations. Be up front. Talk about sexual boundaries. A potentially embarrassing conversation could save you from a traumatic situation.
- Trust your gut instinct. Guard your personal space. If someone makes you uncomfortable, remove yourself from the situation.
- Believe in yourself. Know your rights. You do not ask to be raped any more than anyone with money in their pocket asks to be robbed. You are in charge of your body and you can say "NO!"
- Learn self defense from a licensed professional instructor. If you choose to carry chemical spray, take the necessary classes. The District also offers Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes for women at various times and dates throughout the year.
- End the night early if your date becomes drunk or abusive. No one deserves physical or emotional abuse. **NO ONE!**

## What if it Happens to You or Someone You Know?

If you or someone you know is assaulted, know what to do. If you are raped, you are never to blame. There are people who care and want to help you.

