

TIMELY WARNING

Murray State Police Department

ISSUED DATE: 09-19-2018

The Murray State Police Department is committed to the safety of our students, faculty, and staff and is providing this notice in compliance with the "Timely Warning" provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998. On September 19, 2018, a student reported being sexually assaulted in an on-campus residence. The assault, a rape [as defined in the FBI Uniform Crime Report](#), was reported to have occurred in the early morning hours of September 15, 2018. The alleged assailant is known to the victim. The victim reported the crime to Murray State University Police and the suspect is in custody. University officials are providing recovery resources to the reporting student.

Safety Information and Protective Steps:

- 72% of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.
- Communicate with potential intimate partners about expectations and boundaries, and continue those conversations throughout the relationship.
- Understand what [consent](#) means and do not initiate sexual contact without it.
- Insist on public first dates, especially with someone you only know through social media.
- Create a safety plan that includes code words or allowing friends to follow your location on LiveSafe.
- If you feel uneasy in a situation, **Trust Your Instincts** and try to interrupt the chain of events
- Don't be afraid to make a scene. Yell, scream, and/or run for protection if you can.
- Call the Police. A crime has been committed. The police will provide recovery resources regardless of whether or not the reporting party chooses to seek criminal charges at this time or a later date.
- Always remember, the only person responsible for sexual assault is the perpetrator.

If you believe you see someone being targeted for sexual assault, be an active bystander and help protect. Get other people involved to help the person in trouble and to gather strength in numbers. Report what you have observed. Murray State University offers many resources available to you related to medical care, law enforcement, and counseling. Report suspicious activity on our campus to the Murray State Police Department at (270)809-2222 or by using the LiveSafe app.

Available On Campus Resources:

- MSU Title IX Coordinator (Office of IDEA)- 103 Wells Hall, (270)809-3155
- MSU Counseling Services- C104 Oakley Applied Science Bldg., (270)809-6851, msu.counselingcenter@murraystate.edu
- MSU Health Services-136 Wells Hall, (270)809-3809
- MSU Women's Center-C103 Oakley Applied Science Bldg., (270)809-3140, msu.womencenter@murraystate.edu
- International Student Services- 171 Woods Hall, (270)809-3089

- LGBT Programming Office- 243 Blackburn Science Bldg., (270)809-5040

Off-Campus Resources:

- Murray Police/Calloway County Sheriff-911
- Murray/Calloway Co. Hospital: 803 Poplar Street, (270)762-1100
- Four Rivers Behavioral Health- (270)753-6622, 24-hour Crisis Line: (800)592-3980
- Merryman House Domestic Violence Center-24-hour Crisis Line: (800)585-2686, website: <https://merrymanhouse.org/>
- Purchase Area Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center- 24-hour helpline (800)928-7273, (270)534-4422 (office), website: <http://hopehealgrow.org>