Relationship Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

Resources and Definitions

Greater Lansing area

**Relationship/Domestic Violence Services:**
- MSU Safe Place: (517) 355-1100 ext. 2, safefplace.msu.edu; noabuse@msu.edu
- EVE (End Violent Encounters): (517) 372-5976 (business), (517) 372-5572 (24-hour crisis), eveinc.org/
- Personal Protection Order Office: (517) 483-6545

**Sexual Assault Services:**
- MSU Sexual Assault Program, Counseling Center: (517) 355-3551 (business), (517) 372-6666 (24-hour crisis), endrape.msu.edu
- Sparrow Hospital SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Program: (517) 364-7072

**Medical Services:**
- Sparrow Hospital: Forensic Nurse Examiners Unit: (517) 364-7072, sparrow.org/SANE
- (For MSU students): Student Health Center: (517) 355-4510, 24-hour nurse line: (517) 353-5557, olin.msu.edu/
- McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital (517) 975-6000, mclaren.org/lansing/lansing

**Law Enforcement Services:**
- Call 911 for emergencies
- MSU Police: (517) 355-2222, police.msu.edu
- East Lansing Police: (517) 351-4220, cityofeastlansing.com/govLinks.asp?catid=62
- Meridian Township Police: (517) 853-4800, meridian.mi.us/POLICE/police_home%202.htm
- Bath Township Police: (517) 641-6272, bathtownship.us/departments/police.html
- Lansing Police: (517) 483-4600, lansingpolice.com
- Ingham County Prosecutor’s Office and Victim Witness Unit: (517) 483-6108

**DEFINITIONS**

**Relationship/Domestic Violence** is a pattern of power and control that one person exercises over another in an ongoing, intimate relationship. Many tactics can be used in relationship/domestic violence, including emotional, physical or sexual abuse; isolation; economic control; threats; abuse of animals; and using children.

**Sexual Assault** is any type of sexual contact that is unwanted, nonconsensual, forced, or coerced. Most people are sexually assaulted by someone they know. Some tactics/behaviors used to facilitate a sexual assault may include: physical force, verbal or visual intimidation, abuse of authority, coercion or verbal manipulation, use of weapons, or the use of drugs or alcohol.

**Sexual Harassment** can be a form of sexual assault. This is unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome requests for sexual favors, and other unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of employment or status in a course, program, or activity; (2) submission to or rejection of such behavior is used as the basis for a decision affecting an individual’s employment or participation in a course, program, or activity; or (3) such behavior is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that a reasonable person would find that it alters the terms or conditions of a person’s employment or educational experience, or unreasonably interferes with an individual’s work or performance in a course, program, or activity, thus creating a hostile or abusive working or educational environment.

**Stalking** can occur within a current or past relationship or with someone not known to the victim. This can include unwanted or obsessive attention by an individual or group toward another person and can include threatening behaviors intended to frighten, monitor or silence the victim.