It Wasn't That Serious

Sexual Assault on College Campuses

Seriously Underreported

In a survey of 27 colleges conducted by the Association of American Universities, only 41.8% of rape survivors reported their assaults. 58.6% said their experience wasn’t “serious enough” to report.

Serious Medical Costs

Following a sexual assault, the survivor will face a defined medical costs associated with the assault. The average survivor will see a doctor 18% more frequently than non-assaulted peers, 50% more the year after the assault, and 31% more 2 years after the assault.

Source: Archives of Internal Medicine

Serious Psychological Effects

Nearly 70% of survivors of sexual assault will suffer from rape related stress disorder. Symptoms of RPTSD include: eating the behavior, withdrawal from social life, avoiding situations that remind the person of the event, difficulty concentrating, memory impairment, and sleep disorders.

Source: New York City Women Against Sexual Assault

A Serious Problem

College students are more likely to be assaulted.

However, students are less likely to report assault.

Only 14% of victims received services from a victim services agency.

In 89% of assaults the assailant was known to the victim.

1 in 5 college women will be sexually assaulted while they are a student.

Source: Department of Justice

Serious Resources

If doesn’t have to be this way. The College of Charleston is committed to ensuring all of our students are safe. If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of a sexual assault, we are here to help. Some of the resources available to C of C students include:

The Office of Equal Opportunity Programs

Cougar Counseling

Office of Victim Services

Provides immediate and supportive counseling for students who have been the victim of sexual assault.

Provides confidential counseling and mental health services to survivors of sexual assault.

Provides comprehensive victim advocacy services through the criminal and/or administrative investigation process.