

ANNUAL CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT, 2006

HIRAM COLLEGE

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All colleges and universities are required to publish and distribute an annual report of Campus Crime Statistics and Security policies to all current students and employees, as well as to provide such a report to any applicant for enrollment or employment upon request.

Category	VENUE	2004-2005	2005-2006*	2006
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE: Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter- the willful killing of one human being by another	On Campus ***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter-the killing of another person through gross negligence	On Campus ***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES: Forcible-any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.	On Campus***	0	2	3
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	2	1
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	2
	On public property	0	0	0
Non-forcible-unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse: incest or statutory rape	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
ROBBERY -the taking or attempting	On Campus***	0	0	0

to take anything by force or threat or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury.				
	On Campus***	0	7	3
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	7	3
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
BURGLARY - the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.				
	On Campus***	0	3	10
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
ARSON -any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.				
	On Campus***	0	1	4
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	1	2
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	2
	On public property	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.				
	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
ARREST FOR: Liquor Law violations				
	On Campus***	11	8	8
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	N/A**	8	8
	In or on non-campus building or property	N/A**	0	0
	On public property	0	0	8
Drug related				
	On Campus***	7	3	3

	In dormitories or other residential facilities	N/A**	3	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	N/A**	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Weapons Possession				
	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS:				
Liquor Law Violations	On Campus***	150	123	148
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	N/A**	119	148
	In or on non-campus building or property	N/A**	4	0
	On public property	0	0	2
Drug related violations				
	On Campus***	0	5	4
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	5	4
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	3
Weapons Possession				
	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0

*In compliance with the Jean Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, reporting was changed for the 2005 statistics from academic year to calendar year. Therefore, some overlap in statistics occurred from the 2004-2005 column, to the 2005 column.

** N/A: On Campus Statistics are not broken down into sub-categories until the 2005 report.

*** This category includes all on campus incidents, including those listed in the category below, "In dormitories or other residential facilities." Therefore, the two categories are not cumulative, but duplicative.

KEY TO HATE CRIMES NOTATIONS:

Type of Bias or Prejudice: Race = ra Gender = g Religion = re Sexual Orientation = s
 Ethnicity = e Disability = d

HATE CRIME				
CATEGORY	VENUE	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006
Vandalism	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Assault	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Harassment	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense (forcible)	On Campus***	0	0	0
	In dormitories or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on non-campus building property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0

II. CAMPUS SECURITY POLICIES

SUBSECTION A: A statement of current campus policies regarding procedures and facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus.

The *Hiram College 2007-2008 Student Handbook* outlines all policies and procedures for maintaining community standards. The purpose of the Handbook is to inform students of both their rights and responsibilities as members of our educational community, and procedures for addressing violations of both. If you should observe or have knowledge of such criminal acts occurring you should contact: First your Residence Hall Assistant (RA), or Resident Director (RD). If you are unable to contact the RA, or RD, Campus Safety Services may be reached at ext. 6107, or by dialing ext. 5414 and requesting campus safety be dispatched.

In order to alert the College Community to the occurrence of such criminal actions, Campus Safety Services and Citizenship Education will keep on file a list of complaints relating to criminal charges. When appropriate Campus Safety Services will publish information regarding any possible present danger that such reported criminal activities may present.

SUBSECTION B: A statement of current policies concerning security and access to campus facilities including campus residence, and security considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities.

Hiram College has three safety officers: Michelle Nevling, Thomas Grounds, and Todd Carpenter, all of whom are appropriately trained in the security field. They are on-duty from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each night. They are to patrol the campus on foot and vehicle checking for anything out of the ordinary. The safety officer is responsible for the security of the structures on campus. The officer is responsible for checking all facilities to ensure that they are in fact secured and locked. Beginning in August, 2006 residence halls were locked 24 hours a day and are accessible with a card access system. Campus Safety Services oversees the card access system.

Students should never prop open outside doors. This practice jeopardizes the safety and possessions of each person in the hall. Propped doors also initiate an alarm to the Resident Directors and Campus Safety Services alerting of an opened door. Students should also lock their room doors at all times.

The classroom buildings are locked by the last staff member to leave except for Hinsdale, Bates, Gerstacker, Teachout, Frohring Art, Frohring Music, and Colton Halls which are locked by the safety officers. Beginning October, 2007 the Gelbke Art Building is accessible with a card access system.

Policy Concern Non-College Groups Using Campus Facilities

Hiram College welcomes the use of its facilities by non-college groups under the following conditions:

1. Organizations with purposes or practices contrary to education or to public or college welfare or with a secret membership will not be permitted on campus, as determined by the Director of Campus Involvement and the Associate Dean.
2. Insofar as possible and reasonable, priority is given for the use of all facilities to recognized campus groups.
3. Visitors to the campus are subject to the same laws, rules and regulations as the student body. Visitors to residence halls must be guests of students, faculty or staff members.
4. Rental fees and contracts for the use are applicable to certain facilities on the College campus.
5. Outside groups wishing to contact students may pass out information at a designated table in the Kennedy Center, subject to prior scheduling by the Coordinator of Campus Involvement in consultation with the Dean of Students. Individuals or groups may not canvass door to door in the residence halls.

6. Publicity must be cleared with the person who approved use of the facility and should not imply sponsorship by Hiram College.

Guests

Students are required to register guest(s) with their Resident Assistant (RA) or Resident Director (RD). No guest may exceed a total of three (3) days in any one visit per semester. Failure to register a guest may result in judicial action. All hosting students will be held accountable for the actions of their guests(s).

General Entry

Under the College's "Reserved Rights" there is a policy for entering students' rooms when circumstances warrant. This entry policy has both general guidelines and "Entry and Search for Cause" provisions as follows:

General Entry Guidelines

The responsibilities of the College necessitate entry into students' rooms for the following reasons:

1. To provide maintenance and general repair within the room.
2. To offer assistance in case of emergency or health risk.
3. To confirm that the room is vacant when the fire alarm is activated.
4. To provide for the health and safety of all residents, including health and safety inspections.
5. To turn off stereos, radios, alarm clocks and other equipment or appliances which are operating and bothersome to others, when it has been determined that the room occupants are not present to attend to them.
6. To investigate, when reasonable cause exists, possible violations of College regulations occurring within the room, staff will knock before entering a room and will identify themselves when asked to do so by room occupants. If you can not hear a staff member knocking because of the noise level in the room, the staff member will enter the room after a reasonable amount of time. If staff should enter a room and notice in plain sight evidence of violations of College regulations, the staff may take that evidence and refer the incident to the appropriate authorities. If an item is taken when a resident is not in the room, the resident(s) will be promptly notified.

Keys

Students are issued a room key. Student ID's now function as exterior door "keys". Students and fellow residents are the people who can offer some major assurance of security for each residence hall. Students are requested not to prop open residence hall entrance doors. While this may seem a harmless way of letting friends from other residence halls in, propping door open jeopardizes the safety and possessions of every resident in the hall. Students are also asked to immediately notify their Residence Hall staff if they see suspicious persons on their hall floor or in their building. Inasmuch as Hiram College does not insure the property of residents, students are encouraged to check with their parents or to acquire personal insurance if they do not have coverage through their parent's homeowners' insurance policy. Again, students are urged to keep their doors locked whenever they are not in their rooms.

SUBSECTION C: A statement of current policies concerning campus law enforcement, including:

- (1) the enforcement authority of security personnel, including their working relationship with state and local police agencies; and**
- (2) policies which encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the campus police and the appropriate police agencies.**

Hiram College has defined Campus Security authorities as: Eric Riedel, Vice President & Dean of Students; Mike Corr, Associate Dean of Students; Liz Okuma, Assistant Dean/Director of Residential, Citizenship, & Commuter Education; Ed Frato-Sweeney, Coordinator of Citizenship Education; Nicole Coy, Assistant Director of Residential & Commuter Education; Laura Riegger, Resident Director; Will Kauff, Resident Director, Nick Kelley, Resident Director; Jackie Haner, Resident Director, Director of Campus Safety Nickolas Bellas and the Hiram College Safety Officers. It is this group of individuals that will be responsible for ensuring adherence to these regulations and for our students. Hiram College has a memorandum of understanding with the Village of Hiram Police Department. This understanding deals with the scope of services to be rendered by the Village Police for Hiram College. All crimes observed or reported to either the Campus Safety Staff or the Residential Education Staff are reported to the Coordinator of Citizenship Education and the Assistant Dean/Director of Residential Education within 24 hours of the incident. If the incident or crime is such that it causes or could cause danger to students -- e.g., sexual assault, then the crime is to be reported immediately by staff through the Campus Safety Service Office through a Campus Safety Notice that is released to campus via email and hard copy flyers.

SUBSECTION D: A description of the type and frequency of programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.

We begin the school year with hall and floor meetings that discuss safety / security procedures. The residence hall staff spends training time with the Coordinator of Campus Safety and Hiram Village Police and Fire Departments and we have several other information sessions that have security as one of the topics.

Campus Safety also sponsors a “Safety Week” at the beginning of the academic year to share safety tips with students. Ongoing passive programs include a Campus Safety Services newsletter, and involvement at other sponsored events providing literature on such safety issues as drunk driving.

Additionally, we continually seek to educate the campus about ten exterior emergency telephones directly connected to the Hiram police department. The phones are yellow and are well lit.

The emergency phones are located:

- Physical Plant Road, directly between Price Gym and the Quad, near the stairs
- In front of Booth Hall
- In front of Bowler Hall
- The sidewalk leading to and in front of Frohring Music Hall from courtyard
- In front of Gerstacker in the Martin Commons
- In front of the Memorial Gardens near the Fisher All Faith Chapel
- In front of the fountain between the library and Hiram Inn
- On middle, eastside of the track
- In the north parking lot
- Coleman 305 Lot

The residence hall staff also program within the halls regarding safety and security issues to meet any ongoing needs of individual communities.

SUBSECTION E: A description of programs designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes.

The department of Student Life distributes pamphlets from multiple offices at the beginning of the school year and throughout the remainder of the year to raise students' consciousness about security issues. The pamphlets; "Safety at Hiram College," "Not Me Not Here: The Reality of Date and Acquaintance Rape," and "Reducing Your Vulnerability" are examples of methods we use to spread the safety word.

SUBSECTION F: A statement of policy concerning the monitoring and recording through local police agencies of criminal activity at all-campus student organizations which are recognized by the institution and that are engaged in by students attending the institution, including those student organizations with off-campus housing facilities.

Campus Safety meets weekly with the Hiram Village Police to keep apprised of any concerns of criminal activity. It is also noted that Hiram College has no off-campus student organizations - thus subsection F does not appear in our report.

SUBSECTION G: A statement of policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and enforcement of state underage drinking laws and a statement of policy regarding the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs and enforcement of Federal and state drug laws and a description of any drug or alcohol abuse education programs as required under section 1213 of this act.

The *Hiram College Student Handbook* contains our alcohol and substance abuse policy. This handbook fully explains all aspects of this policy as well as the alcohol and substance policy. The Office of Human Resources distributes a booklet entitled "Hiram College Drug and Alcohol Policy" to all faculty and staff. This booklet outlines the College's policy toward substance abuse and the federal and state penalties for substance abuse-related offenses. It also provides information about commonly abused substances and offers suggestions for seeking help.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM'S BILL OF RIGHTS
(Public Law 102-325 - July 23, 1992)**

INTRODUCTION

The Hiram College campus is relatively safe however it is not immune from problems of society at large. Acquaintance rape, defined as forced, nonconsensual sex between people who know each other, is a significant problem on college campuses across the country. The people involved could be anyone, casual acquaintances of friends, partners or a couple on their first date, classmates, residence of the same halls or coworkers. Studies indicate that acquaintance rape is much more common than rape by an unknown assailant. Surveys of college women reveal that about 25% have experienced rape or attempted rape, most by someone they knew. These surveys also indicated that 1 in 12 of the male students surveyed had committed acts which meet the legal definition of rape or attempted rape. An act of sexual assault could include the following: any type of unwanted intercourse in which the assailant uses force or the threat of force; penetration with an object; sexual contact with someone who has resisted verbally or physically; sexual activity with someone who is unable to consent, including persons under the influence of alcohol or other drugs; and deliberately providing alcohol or other drugs to someone for the purpose of impairing their judgment and ability to make decisions. Acquaintance rape remains hidden in our society because many people fail to identify it for what it is - an emotional and physical violation as well as a felony level crime punishable by law. People who commit acquaintance rape often do not believe they have done anything wrong. Many victims do not tell anyone and most do not seek help or report the crime to either campus officials or the police. Unfortunately, victims often feel they are to blame and all too often, others suggest to them that they are. It is important

to realize that the act is still considered sexual assault or rape when the victim knew the assailant; the victim didn't yell or scream; the victim didn't fight back and / or have visible physical injuries; the victim had been previously intimate with the assailant, or with someone else; or the victim agreed to accompany the assailant or invited the assailant to accompany her. In order to ensure that all students are aware of information about rape, acquaintance rape, and other sex offenses, as well as what to do and where to seek assistance should they or a friend become a victim, the College provides a variety of programs throughout the year beginning with the New Student Institute. The majority of the programs are presented in the residence halls where 93%+ of the students live.

NOTE: Much of this information refers to the victim as a woman and the assailant as a man because this is the most common type of rape. Approximately 1 in 6 men also are victims of rape and experience similar trauma. The victim and assailant could also be persons of the same sex.

A. REPORTING POLICY; ALLEGED FELONIES

With some exceptions, which are noted below, all individuals are required by law to inform civil authorities of any felonies (e.g. murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, etc) about which they become aware. When any alleged act which meets the definition of a felony comes to the attention of a member of the Hiram College community, that person may be obligated to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency which in most cases would be the Hiram Village Police. Exception to the above statement concerns information which is shared with the Chaplain or the Director of Counseling. These individuals are exempted by law from reporting under the client/patient privilege of confidentiality. Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to report and pursue charges with the police. If he/she so desires, a member of the Student Life staff will provide as much guidance and support as is requested and is appropriate. It is not mandatory for the victim of a felony to pursue charges. If a victim chooses not to do so, it is unlikely that the police will take any further action.

Choosing to pursue charges through the criminal justice system does not preclude the right to pursue charges through the Hiram College Judicial system. The limitations of the college's system should be recognized however. The College's system can establish violations of the Student Code of Conduct, but it cannot establish whether or not a criminal act has been committed. When an individual believes that a crime has been committed, it is recommended that charges be filed through the criminal justice system so that the validity of the charge can be established and sanctioned.

B. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE VICTIM WISHES TO PRESS CHARGES

If a Hiram College student becomes the victim of sexual assault, s/he has the following options for filing charges against the alleged assailant: pursue the incident through the Hiram Village Police; pursue the incident through the Hiram College Judicial system (if the alleged assailant is also a student); or, pursue the incident through **both** the police and the College. As with any alleged violation of College policy which can be considered criminal, civil action does not influence the actions of the College or delay it from going forward with its own judicial proceedings.

If a student chooses to pursue formal action against her/his alleged assailant, either through the college, the police, or both, s/he should contact a member of the Student Life Staff, and in particular the Coordinator of Citizenship Education for detailed procedural information. Discussing the situation does not obligate the victim to proceed with any formal judicial or civil action.

The College Judicial process is different from and separate from the legal process. A student may elect to adjudicate an alleged criminal act either through the College, the Hiram Village Police Department, or both. "Double jeopardy" does not apply, since the two procedures are separate.

1. Hiram College Judicial Procedures for Sexual Assault

The College classifies charges of alleged sexual assault as a major violation of the Student Code of Conduct, thus cases will be heard by the Campus Judicial Board.

Campus Judicial Board – (Typically Level IV Violations such as Sexual Misconduct and Infliction of Bodily Harm).

The Campus Judicial Board is comprised of 2 faculty members, 2 students (representatives from the Community Council) and one staff member. All Board members participate in an initial training period and are called to serve on the Board on a rotating basis. The Campus Judicial Board will hear all parties and determine a student's responsibility or non-responsibility. If the student is found responsible, the Board will then decide upon appropriate sanctions and make recommendations to the Vice President and Dean of Students. In cases requiring a Campus Judicial Board hearing, the student(s) involved will be informed about the Board's procedures and the Board will be convened as soon as possible. The Coordinator of Citizenship Education or designee will act as the liaison between the students involved in the case and the Board. This will include preliminary explanation of procedures, presence at the Board hearing to ensure fair procedure is adhered to, and notifying student(s) of the outcome of the hearing. Each student filing a complaint and each student named as an alleged violator will be permitted to bring one support person with him/her to the hearing. If a student chooses to have an attorney as his/her support person, the AD must be notified 24 hours prior to the hearing in order that the college may decide to have its legal counsel present. Campus Board hearings are confidential and closed. **Excluding academics, Board hearings supersede all other college activities. For a description of the Judicial Board Hearing Procedures, please refer to Appendix 2 in the Student Handbook.**

Typical range of sanctions for Level IV violations might include restitution, community service, reflection/research paper, required counseling, alcohol education seminar, written letter of apology, loss of campus services, mandatory relocation to another Residence Hall, disciplinary probation, fines, denial of access to Residence Halls and Campus buildings, Residence Hall suspensions, disciplinary suspension, and/or expulsion. Sanctions escalate with repeat offenses. **For Additional information on Judicial Board and Policies, please see the student handbook available online at www.hiram.edu under Residential, Citizenship, and Commuter Education.**

There are some distinct provisions made in cases of alleged sexual assault or rape. When a judicial incident report is filed, both parties, the person filing the report and the alleged assailant, will sign statements agreeing not to have any contact with the other party until the case is resolved. Failure to abide by these statements of "no contact" is considered a serious violation and may be ground for immediate judicial action. In addition, there may be situations in which one or both of the parties is temporarily moved out of his or her room into another space on campus, or in extreme cases, moved off campus temporarily. Neither of these actions is an indication of guilt or responsibility; rather, they are way of attempting to protect all involved parties until the charge is formally resolved. During the hearing, the person filing the report and the alleged assailant may be separated by a physical barrier which is used to alleviate any visual contact, but it enables both parties to hear all testimony. The Board will render decisions in writing, usually within two (2) working days of the conclusion of the hearing. There may be times when the Board needs to

question other people, reconvene the hearing, or search for other pertinent information. Every effort will be made to adjudicate the matter as quickly as possible. Normally the decisions of the Board are reported only to the alleged violator. **Both** parties will be informed of the Board's decision in cases of alleged sexual assault or rape. If the alleged assailant is found responsible, sanctions can range from suspension or dismissal from campus housing to suspension or dismissal from the college. Other sanctions may be imposed depending upon the individual situation. Board hearings are closed unless otherwise determined by the Board. If the victim requests, the College will make every reasonable attempt to assist him or her should there be a desire to change residence and /or request consideration in the completion of academic work in progress.

2. The Criminal Justice System

Forcing acts of unwanted sexual activity on another person is a violation of the State criminal code. A victim may choose to file a police report regarding the incident or to press formal charges against the alleged assailant. **NOTE:** If a rape or sexual assault is reported to a member of the College staff or if treatment is sought at a hospital emergency room, the staff member is obligated to report the matter to the police. The Director of Counseling and the Chaplain are exempted from mandatory reporting by law under the patient / client privilege of confidential communication. The following provides information regarding options with the Criminal Justice system:

a. **File a report.** A uniformed on-duty police officer will take a report. The officer will probably ask a number of questions regarding what happened. This report can be made at the Hiram Village Police Station or a location on campus, if requested. The officer will ask if you plan to press charges.

b. **Press Charges.** There is no requirement that the victim must press charges. That is an individual choice. Generally a case will not be addressed if the individual chooses not to press formal charges. However, if sufficient additional evidence exists, the Prosecutors Office could elect to press charges and could require the victim to provide testimony.

1). Should the victim decide to press charges, it is likely that s/he will be interviewed by the police again.

2). Following the gathering of evidence and reports, the police forward all material and information to the Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor then reviews the information and decides if sufficient evidence exists to take the case forward to a Preliminary Hearing.

3). Following a Preliminary Hearing, if the decision is to go forward with the case, the Grand Jury will hear the evidence from both the victim and alleged assailant and will decide whether or not to file an indictment and send the case to trial.

4). If the case goes to trial, the accused then has the option of having a hearing with a judge only or a jury trial. Electing not to press charges immediately after an assault does not preclude the victim from pressing charges at a later date.

However, a decision to delay making a report and/or pressing charges for a period of time could affect the viability of the case, particularly if the delay reduces the amount of available evidence.

The Hiram Village Police Department can be contacted by calling 330-569-5414. All emergency phones located in various locations around campus connect directly to the dispatcher at the Police Department.

3. Seeking Treatment in a Hospital Emergency Room

A. A physical examination. An examination in a hospital emergency room as soon as possible after the assault is of great importance in supporting a charge or rape. While a victim's first reactions may be to "clean up" or shower and change clothes, s/he should be encouraged not to bathe, eat, drink, smoke, or change clothes before the exam. A physical exam will be completed using a protocol for a rape kit and may include semen collection, saliva samples, hair combing, and other tests as appropriate. The survivor's clothing will probably be turned over to the police

for evidence/investigation so it is important for persons accompanying the victim to the hospital to bring or arrange for a change of clothing to be brought to the hospital. **If any clothing worn during the attack is removed, place it in a PAPER bag and bring it to the hospital.**

B. After the victim's medical condition has been determined and attended to, s/he will probably be asked about her wishes for pressing charges against the assailant. Charges may be made through the police, Hiram College (if the assailant is a student) or both. The decision needs to be made as early as possible so that any pertinent evidence can be collected and preserved. Generally 24 hours is considered to be the maximum amount of time for the possibility of collecting physical evidence of the crime. If the survivor wishes to report a rape or assault to the police, s/he is not required to also file formal charges. However, it is strongly recommended that all relevant information be given to the police in the event there is a decision to press charges at a later time. **NOTE:** If the student does go to the hospital emergency room or treatment center, the Hiram Village Police will be contacted by the Emergency Room staff. This report to the police is required by law.

C. Hiram College recommends the St. Thomas SANE unit in Akron for the specialized care survivors of sexual assault can receive. Additionally, both Portage and Geauga Counties have a Victim Assistance Program. A victim advocate can be contacted by the hospital emergency room staff regardless of whether or not the victim plans to file charges. If for some reason this person is not contacted, the survivor or the person accompanying him or her should ask that this be done and may demand that any examination be delayed until the advocate arrives at the emergency room. The advocate will assist the survivor, answer questions, explain the rape kit procedures, and help both in the initial stages as well as in any follow-up which may occur.

D. CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Community Resources

Emergency Medical Squad ext. 5414

Police Emergency ext. 5414

Akron Rape Crisis Center 330-434-7273 or 877-906-7273

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center 216-391-3914 (24 Hour Hotline)

Townhall II Helpline- 330-678-4357 or 330-296-2255

Geauga County- 440-285-6000 or 1-800-548-9738

St. Thomas Hospital Sexual Assault Assistance- 330-379-5950

Robinson Memorial Hospital-330-297-2850 (Emergency Room)

Student Life Staff Members

Eric Riedel, Vice President & Dean of Students ext. 5233

Mike Corr, Assoc. Dean of Students ext. 5233

Elizabeth Okuma, Assistant Dean/Director of Residential, Citizenship, and Commuter Education ext. 5232

Ed Frato-Sweeney, Coordinator of Citizenship Education ext. 5232

Nicole Coy, Assistant Director of Residential Education ext.5232

Nickolas Bellas, Director of Campus Safety Services ext.6107

Campus Safety Officers ext.5414

Asha Goodner, Director of Health Center ext. 5418

Lynn Taylor, Director of Counseling ext. 5952

Anne Fisher, Nurse Practitioner ext.5418

Detra West, Dir. Ethnic Diversity Affairs ext. 5237

Taryn Hale, Director of International Student Services ext. 5388

LeAnn Starlin, Director of Campus Involvement ext. 5182

Frank Hemphill, Dir. of Student Academic Serv. ext. 5235

Kathryn Craig, Dir. Career Services ext. 5131

Jason Bricker Thompson, Associate Chaplain ext. 6094

Resident Directors:

Jackie Haner, The Quad ext 5375

Nick Kelley, Booth/Centennial ext. 5409

Will Kauff, Miller/Whitcomb ext. 5369

Laura Riegger, Bowler/Henry ext. 5806

CAMPUS SEX CRIME PREVENTION ACT

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where the law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sexual offenders may be obtained. The registered sex offenders' list can be obtained from the Ohio Electronic Sex Offender Registration and Notification web site at <http://www.esorn.ag.state.oh.us/Secured/p1.aspx>

The local law enforcement agency for Hiram, OH is: Hiram Village Police (330) 569-3235.

Convicted and already registered sex offenders must notify their state if they are enrolled as a student or employed at a college or university there. Sex offenders must also notify the Portage County Sheriff's office at 330-297-3889 and the Office of Campus Safety (330) 569-6107.