SEXUAL VIOLENCE

All the steps below should be discussed with the victim and initiated with her/his consent. Let the victim make their own choices. Be supportive and non-judgmental.

An Immediate or Very Recent Incident, You Should:

- Call Public Safety or 911 if you or someone else is in immediate danger.
- Get yourself to a safe place (e.g. friend's place, RA office, etc.)
- Call a supportive person; a friend, family member, RA, RD, or an advocate from a crisis line.
    - Albany County Crime Victim & Sexual Violence Center: (518) 447-7716
    - New York State Hotline for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence: **1-800-942-6906**
- Save evidence and get medical help at Albany Memorial Hospital.
    - Do not shower, wash or change your clothes. Important physical evidence can be gathered up to 72 hours after an assault. Evidence can only be gathered at a hospital.
    - Albany Memorial is the only hospital in the area that has a SANE program (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) to collect evidence from a sexual assault.
    - You may also have internal injuries and concerns about pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted diseases.
    - If called, an advocate from the Albany County Crime Victim & Sexual Violence Center will meet you at the hospital to assist you through the process and provide support. You may also have a friend or RD accompany you.

Response to an Incident after Extended Time has Passed:

- Consider filing a report with Public Safety and/or Colonie Police.
- Consider meeting with a member of the Human Rights Committee, Dean of Students or the Title IX Officer, to obtain information about possible accommodations, cease and desist orders (of protection, and the steps taken when filing a report. Students are not obligated to file a report after obtaining information.
- Assault (physical and/or sexual) is a violation of Siena Life and Human Rights policies, as well as state criminal code. Violators could face disciplinary action under either or both judicial systems.
- Seek support and counseling. There are a variety of resources both on and off campus that can assist you.

Additional Resources for Students

- Center for Counseling and Student Development: (518) 783-2342 www.siena.edu/ccsd
- Sr. Thea Bowman Women's Center: (518) 782-6109
- Dean of Students: (518) 783-2328
- Title IX Officer: (518) 782-6673