

## **WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?**

Sexual assault is any sexual contact that is against a person's will or without consent. It can range from inappropriate touching to forcible penetration with body parts or objects. Consent cannot be given if an individual is under 18 or is incapacitated due to alcohol or other drugs. Drug and alcohol use or abuse is a factor in over half of the sexual assaults on college campuses. Sexual assault can be committed by strangers, however in over 70% of the cases, the victims knew their attacker.