

WHAT TO DO

A. If you have been assaulted:

- i. Exit the situation and seek safety. If needed, call the police to assist by dialing the Columbia College Police Department (CCPD) at 803-786-3333 or dialing 911.
- ii. Seek prompt medical attention, preferably at Palmetto Richland Hospital or the closest hospital to you if you are outside of the Columbia area. It is essential that survivors of sexual assault receive medical treatment and support as soon as possible. The sooner a sexual assault is reported, the easier it is to collect valuable evidence, regardless of desire to use the evidence to pursue any type of legal or judicial action. There will be no charge for the evidence collection process. The survivor will be met by a confidential advocate.
- iii. Evidence collection is most effective within 72 hours. To facilitate evidence collection, the survivor:
 1. Should not bathe or douche;
 2. Should not urinate;
 3. Should not drink any liquids;
 4. If oral contact has occurred, the victim should not smoke, eat or brush teeth, and;
 5. The survivor should not change clothes. If clothes have been changed, soiled clothes should be placed in a paper bag (plastic destroys crucial evidence), separating items to prevent contamination.

B. If you have been harassed:

- i. Exit the situation and seek safety. If needed, call the police to assist by dialing the Columbia College Police Department (CCPD) at 803-786-3333 or by dialing 911.
- ii. If you are able, clearly explain to the person causing the harassment that you are uncomfortable with his or her behavior and request that the conduct cease immediately.