



## **Reporting Sexual Assault**

As soon as possible, the victim should report incidents of sexual assault, including date or acquaintance rape to Police Services, the local police or a College faculty or staff member who can aid in contacting the proper authorities. The Counseling Department and Health Services can also help in contacting the proper authorities.

The victim should make every attempt to preserve any physical evidence of the assault. This may include not showering or bathing, not cleaning the scene of the incident, and not disposing of any damaged clothing, or other items. Police Services will immediately initiate a criminal investigation into on-campus sexual assaults. Police Services will contact the San José Police Department if highly specialized resources are needed to complete a criminal investigation.

The victim will be given information on counseling and support groups. If the victim wishes to change an academic schedule, the appropriate steps will be taken to accommodate the victim to the full extent possible. The Colleges also encourage persons reporting to seek the support and assistance of friends or family when needed, in presenting their concerns. Santa Clara County offers 24 hour counseling for victims of crimes. The Santa Clara County Valley Rape Crisis Center may be reached at (408) 287-3000. The Victim/Witness Assistance Center in San José also provides off-campus services.