



CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SEXUAL VIOLENCE – VICTIM' S RIGHTS AND INFORMATION

The following information is provided to assist members of the College community with understanding the rights, protections and services available to victims of sexual violence.

What is Sexual Violence?- Sexual violence is defined under the Board of Higher Education/Massachusetts Community Colleges' Policy on Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity & Diversity ("Policy on Affirmative Action") and includes rape, acquaintance rape and sexual assault. Sexual violence may also include "intimate partner violence" such as stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence. Sexual violence is prohibited under Title IX of the Educational Amendment Act of 1972, state law and the Policy on Affirmative Action.

Reporting Complaints of Sexual Violence- A victim of sexual violence has the right to file (or

- Be informed of any no-contact or no-trespass orders issued to the accused by the College and the College's commitment to honor any court-issued restraining or protective orders, to the extent permitted by law.

Recommended Procedures for a Victim of Sexual Violence For a person subjected to an act of sexual violence, there can be time-sensitive decisions to make about sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and collecting physical evidence in the event of prosecution. Therefore, victims of sexual violence are advised to:

- **Protect Yourself and Get Medical Attention** – Find a safe place as soon as possible and seek medical attention immediately. Injuries and exposure to disease may not be immediately apparent. A medical examination can provide necessary evidence in a case.

Voices Against Violence, Framingham, 800-593-1125 Hotline, 508-626-8686

- Southeastern Massachusetts