

## 9/27/2022 - Timely Warning

Several incidents of sexual misconduct/assault have been reported in the residence halls on campus since the beginning of the school year. The reporting individuals have been offered resources on and off campus.

While circumstances around sexual misconduct can vary, it is important to emphasize that acts of sexual violence are never the victim's fault. The blame lies solely with the perpetrator.

The safety and well-being of the EWU community is of paramount importance to the University. If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime, please seek help and resources from:

## **University Police**

Title IX Information, Resources and Services

## <u>Safety Tips from EWU Police Department</u>

EWU Police offer the following suggestions that may help reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime:

- Lock your residence hall room. This is the best deterrent available to protect your property and yourself.
- It is a crime to intentionally touch someone without their consent, regardless of the situation.
- Never accept drinks from anyone you don't know.
- If you drink alcohol, drink responsibly.
- Bystanders should try to be aware of their surroundings, and if there are signs of a person in distress, bystanders should make themselves known and offer assistance if it is safe to do so, and/or seek immediate help from police.
- Every person and situation is different; survivors must decide for themselves what actions or responses are safest in any situation. If someone attempts to grab you, you have the right to yell "NO" loudly, or do whatever is necessary to get the person to let go, and flee to a safe place and seek help. When safe, try to remember as much as possible about the person's appearance and behavior.
- Students may contact EWUPD for an on-campus safety escort (509.359-7676).
- For emergencies, or if you see a crime being committed, call 9-1-1. To report suspicious, illegal or unusual activity on campus, call EWUPD at 509.359.7676.

## **Resources Available for Survivors**

- Dean of Students 509.359.7924
- Counseling & Wellness 509.359.2366
- Title IX Coordinator 509.359.2021



- Lutheran Community Services Crisis Line (24/7) 509.624.7273
- YWCA Domestic Violence Crisis Line (24/7) 509.326.2255
- RAINN (National Sexual Assault Hotline) 1.800.656.4673

This notification is also posted on our Timely Warning web page at

https://inside.ewu.edu/police/ewu-timely-warnings/