



11/02/2022 – Timely Warning

The EWU Police Department (EWUPD) and Student Affairs would like to make you aware of several recent reports made to law enforcement and university officials. Two students reported that while attending parties at a fraternity house, they were given a cup with an unknown beverage by a male named “Thor” who is not thought to be affiliated with the university. The suspect is described as a white male with a goatee, stocky build and brown hair. A third similar incident was reported, occurring at a different fraternity house. All three victims reported experiencing effects commonly associated with unknowingly ingesting altered substances (i.e., “roofies” or other controlled drugs or narcotic substances). These reports are being investigated by the EWU Police Department.

If you have any information that may be helpful in these investigations, please contact EWUPD at 509-359-7676 or use the EWUPD general/anonymous crime report link at: <https://inside.ewu.edu/police/report-a-crime/anonymous-crime-reporting/>.

You may also report on our anonymous TipLine at 509-359-4286.

It is important to note that crime is never the fault of the victim. Perpetrators alone are responsible for crimes and their effects. The university does not tolerate this behavior.

EWUPD offers the following suggestions that may help reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime:

- Don't put your drink down. If your drink is out of sight, even for a few minutes, don't finish it. Get yourself a new one.
- Don't accept an open drink from anyone. If you order a drink in a bar, make sure you watch the bartender open the bottle or mix your drink.
- Avoid punch bowls. You can't be sure what's in the punch, so think twice before you partake.
- Make a pact with your friends to watch out for each other, and spread the word about these "date rape drugs" to everyone you know.
- If you think you may have been given a “date rape drug,” immediately go to the emergency room and ask for a urine screening test. Though traces of the drug may still appear up to 72 hours after ingestion (depending on dosage, and individual metabolism) the chances of getting proof are best when the sample is obtained quickly. Therefore, in the event that you are sexually assaulted after you were unknowingly given one of these drugs, the results of this test could provide incriminating evidence against your attacker.



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

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