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Acquaintance rape is the most common type of rape. Acquaintance rape is forced, manipulated or coerced sexual intercourse by a friend or acquaintance. It occurs frequently among college students.

There is no single solution to preventing rape. The following tips could, however, help you avoid situations that could lead to sexual battery:

- Avoid being alone with someone you don't know or trust.
- Know your sexual desires and limits.
- Communicate YOUR limits clearly, directly and firmly.
- Pay attention to what is happening around you.
- Trust your instincts. If a situation does not feel right, leave.
- Don't accept drinks you haven't seen made.
- If you're sexually active in a relationship and either partner says "NO" the answer is "NO".
- Statistically force is used more often in Acquaintance rape.

We encourage all survivors of rape to report the incident to the police. Do not shower, wash, or douche prior to notifying the police. If you choose to press charges, this important evidence needs to be preserved. We also encourage survivors to seek medical attention for possible injuries, STDs or unwanted pregnancy.

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Utilize the programs that are available to you :

- SafeRide
864-7233 (SAFE).
- Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center
<http://www.etwrc.ku.edu/>
785-864-3522.
- Office of Institutional Opportunity and Access (IOA)
<http://ioa.ku.edu/>
785-864-6414.

Acquaintance rape is often associated with domestic battery. If you have been a victim in a domestic violence situation we suggest contacting the following organization;

- Willow Domestic Violence Center
863-3333
<http://willowdvcenter.org>

If you have any questions, please call the Community Services Section of the KU Public Safety Office at 864-5900, email us at kupso@ku.edu, or visit our home page at: <http://www.publicsafety.ku.edu/>

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