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## 6 STEPS to Reducing Sexual Violence

- 1 Be an active bystander.** Bystander intervention is a prevention model based on evidence that community norms play a significant role in perpetrating violence, especially on college campuses. Bystander intervention programs teach students, faculty, and staff how to recognize risky or suspicious behavior and directly or indirectly intervene to protect someone. To learn more about bystander intervention and our collective responsibility to keep everyone in the campus community safe, visit [ItsOnUs.org](http://ItsOnUs.org).
- 2 Speak out.** Everyday comments and actions contribute to the campus culture. If you see or hear things that perpetuate a culture of sexual violence, like sexist statements, jokes about sexual violence, or other types of disparaging remarks, speak up and explain why this is NOT ok. These comments may make members of the community feel unsafe and/or unwelcome and work against creating a Culture of Respect.
- 3 Know the sexual misconduct policy.** A school's sexual misconduct policy should be a valuable resource in explaining, among other things: what constitutes sexual misconduct on campus; the school's reporting and investigative processes; and resources and accommodations available to survivors. The policy should be easily accessible on the school's website and if it's not, let administrators know.
- 4 Understand the available resources.** Explore the types of support, resources, and accommodations that are available to survivors, both on and off campus. Learn who on campus can hear information confidentially and who is a mandatory reporter.
- 5 Become an activist.** Student activism is a crucial component in the effort to curtail sexual violence and create a Culture of Respect. Visit [CultureofRespect.org/activism-tools/](http://CultureofRespect.org/activism-tools/) to find ways to mobilize and engage your campus.
- 6 Create a Culture of Respect.** We believe every institution should foster a Culture of Respect and provide support in a variety of ways to make this a reality. Contact us directly, or encourage your administrators, faculty, and staff to learn how we can support your campus in creating a Culture of Respect.

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