

TAP 31 APPENDIX A
IF YOU OR A FRIEND HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL ASSAULT:

- **First**, ensure your safety. Call Public Safety at 412-396-2677. If a threat to the campus community is imminent, a timely warning will be issued.

- **Second**, you are encouraged to seek medical care for your physical and mental health and wellbeing, and to preserve physical evidence. UPMC Mercy's Emergency Room number is 412-232-8222. Public Safety can transport you to and from the hospital. Hospital personnel will collect evidence. It is important to preserve physical evidence in the event you might wish to file criminal charges later. Prior to going to the hospital, try not to shower, bathe, brush your teeth, smoke, or wash your clothes. These activities might destroy evidence. If you change clothes prior to going to the hospital, you should take your clothes with you in a paper bag to preserve evidence – plastic bags destroy evidence. It is also important to know that hospitals are required to report any injuries which are the result of a crime. However, going to the hospital for medical care, even though evidence is collected and the hospital has a reporting requirement, does not require you to file criminal charges.

- **Third**, know your resources. There are many resources on and off campus that can help you.

Campus resources include:

- University Counseling Services, 412-396-6204 (after 4:30 PM call 412.396.2677);
- The on-call Residence Life staff member, 412-396-5888;
- Health Service, 412-396-1650;
- Spiritan Campus Ministry, 412-396-6020; and
- The Department of Public Safety, 412-396-2677.

Off-campus resources include:

- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR), 1-866-END-RAPE;
 - The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime (CVVC), 24 hour helpline: 1-866-644-2882; and
 - Mercy Hospital, 412.232.8222; and
 - Emergency Services, 911.
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- **Fourth**, you are encouraged to report incidents of sexual assault to the University's Title IX Coordinator, a Deputy Title IX Coordinatory, or any Responsible Employee or Confidential Resource so that the University can address the situation and provide you with resources and follow-up care.