What is Sexual Violence*? 
Sexual violence, which includes rape, is any unwanted physical contact with the intimate parts of a person’s body for the purposes of sexual gratification, humiliation, or degradation. Sexual violence can happen to anyone, regardless of gender.

What is Consent**?
An understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent must be informed and freely and actively given. It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement. Consent to one form of sexual activity (like kissing) does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity (like sex). The lack of a negative response is not consent. An individual who is incapacitated by alcohol and/or other drugs, both voluntarily or involuntarily consumed, may not give consent. Past consent of sexual activity does not imply ongoing future consent.

What is Relationship Violence**?
Relationship violence (also known as intimate partner, dating, or domestic violence) is a pattern of behavior in an intimate relationship used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation. Relationship violence can be verbal, emotional, and/or physical. Examples include: slapping, pulling hair, name calling, damaging property, and threats of abuse or physical harm.

What is Stalking**?
Stalking involves any behaviors or activities occurring on more than one occasion that collectively instill fear in the victim and/or threaten her/his safety, mental health, and/or physical health. Examples include: non-consensual communications (in person, text, phone, social media, email), surveillance, or showing up at the targeted person’s classroom or workplace.

* Please note that these definitions are contained within Blinn’s Residential Life Handbook and are not the same standard applied in a law enforcement proceeding.

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Stalking involves any behaviors or activities occurring on more than one occasion that collectively instill fear in the targeted person’s classroom or workplace.

Reporting and Investigations
Victim-survivors are strongly encouraged to make a report to both the police and to the Office of the Title IX Coordinator for assistance and investigation. Reporting can help to ensure the safety of the victim-survivor and the entire campus community. Victim-survivors have the right to report assaults without further participation in any investigation.

Blinn College Police Department
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Blinn College Student Center • Brenham
1007 Walter Schwartz Way • 979-337-7272
www.blinn.edu/police/emergency.htm
- Responsible for all criminal investigations for on-campus crimes
- For off-campus crimes, state or local police are responsible for investigations

The Office of the Title IX Coordinator
Available 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday—Friday
Administration Building Rm. 226 • Brenham
802 Green St. • 979-830-4700
www.blinn.edu/title-ix
- Investigates all reported incident(s)
- Students who violate College policies and conduct codes may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or termination
- Executive Director of Housing and Student Life and Title IX Coordinator James Reed is responsible for ensuring that all reports are addressed by Blinn College

While a victim-survivor’s conversation with any College employee will be kept private (will not be shared unnecessarily with others), only a conversation with a confidential resource can be kept confidential (will not be shared with anyone without the express consent of the victim-survivor).

Confidential Resources

Health Clinic
Nurse available 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday—Friday
904 Green St. (Brenham) • 979-830-4005
www.blinn.edu/healthclinic
- Crisis and follow-up care for victim-survivors
- Assistance arranging referral services for evidence collection and crisis counseling

Counseling Services
Available 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday—Friday
Administration Building Rm. 206 • Brenham
802 Green St. • 979-830-4196
www.blinn.edu/counseling
- Crisis intervention and counseling for recent or past victim-survivors
- Therapists can be accessed by appointment

Non-Confidential Resources
(On-Campus)

Office of the Vice President of Student Services
Available 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday—Friday
Administration Building Rm. 221 • Brenham
802 Green St. • 979-830-4150
www.blinn.edu/current.html
- Assists with academic and other concerns including changes or modifications to class schedules, rescheduling exams, and more
- You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive help from the Office of the Vice President of Student Services

Housing & Residential Life
RAs and Hall Directors On-Call 24/7
Administration Building Rm. 226 • Brenham
802 Green St. • 979-830-4190
www.blinn.edu/housing
- Knowledgeable and able to provide information about campus services
- Manages changes in Housing
If You Have Experienced Sexual Violence, Relationship Violence, or Stalking

Immediate Steps

• Go to a safe place. Your RA’s room, a friend’s room, or any open offices on campus.

• Call someone you trust. A friend, family member, or victim advocate are good resources. You do not have to go through this alone.

• Preserve evidence. After sexual violence, do not shower until you have considered whether to have a no-cost forensic sexual assault examination at the hospital, and save the clothes you were wearing (unwashed) in a paper or cloth bag. After sexual violence, relationship violence, and/or stalking, take photos of any damage or injury and keep communication records.

Within 24 Hours

• Seek out confidential support. You may want to turn to a confidential advocate or counselor for support and advice. They will talk with you about your options for additional support services and reporting.

• After unwanted physical contact, get medical attention. A medical provider can check for and treat physical injury, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancy. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive medical care.

At any time

• Consider making a formal report. You are encouraged to report what happened to both the police and the Office of the Title IX Coordinator. You can decide how much you would like to participate in any investigation process.

• Blinn can help. Campus-based resources like the Office of the Title IX Coordinator can help you with changes to your housing, classes, work, and more. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive help from Blinn.

Blinn’s Commitment to a Safe and Supportive Community

Blinn is committed to creating and maintaining a campus environment free from all forms of sexual violence, relationship violence, and stalking. All reports are taken with the utmost seriousness. You are not alone. You do not have to make a formal report or press charges to receive medical and academic support. The resources listed in this brochure can help.

Employee Reporting

Blinn College cares deeply about supporting victim-survivors and protecting community safety. Therefore, most employees who witness or receive a report of sexual assault must report the incident to the Office of the Title IX Coordinator. Exceptions include employees who are empowered by law to maintain confidentiality, such as those in Student Health Services and Counseling and Mental Health Services.

Under the federal Clery Act, many employees also have a duty under federal law to report crimes to the Blinn College Police Department. Their report to police will include the date, time, and place of the incident, but not the identity of the victim-survivor.

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