

What is Prohibited

St. Petersburg College is committed to preventing sexual violence and sexual harassment on all of its campuses. If you experience any form of sexual misconduct, including unwelcome sexual advances, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, on campus or at any College-sponsored activity, we are here to help. Please see below for important information about policies, procedures, contact persons and resources.

This section constitutes the policy of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of St. Petersburg College on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct including Sexual Harassment. This policy applies fully to all students and all employees.

[BOT Rule 6Hx23-4.332, Sexual Misconduct Rule](#)

[BOT Rule 6Hx23-4.332, Sexual Misconduct Procedure](#)

[Reporting Contacts](#)

Sexual Violence

Sexual violence involves physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will. A number of acts fall into the category of sexual violence, including, but not limited to, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, or other forcible felony during which a sexual act is committed or attempted, as further defined under Chapter 794 of the Florida Statutes.

The central issue here is **consent**, or the lack thereof. Consent is a positive, voluntary, continuous permission to engage in a sexual act.

- Consent is not passive or silent.
- Consent to one form of sexual activity cannot automatically imply consent to another form of sexual activity
- Consent may be withdrawn at any time
- Previous relations or prior consent cannot imply future consent
- Consent cannot be given by someone who is incapacitated by drugs or alcohol or who is otherwise unconscious
- An individual may also be unable to give consent to his or her age or intellectual or other disability

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is defined as a crime of violence which may include assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family member or household member by another family or household member.

Dating Violence

Dating violence is defined as sexual violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature, and as further defined under Florida law.

Stalking

Stalking is defined as willfully, maliciously and repeatedly following or harassing another person as to pose a credible threat to that person and as further defined under Florida law.

Sexual Harassment

For more information about sexual harassment please visit the [college's Title IX website](#).