

K. Sexual Assault or Battery

If you are the victim of a sexual crime, you should:

- **Immediately contact Law Enforcement (911), and, if possible**
- **Call Security**
- **Call a nearby relative or friend for assistance.**

After contacting the police, you should remain calm to avoid destroying or contaminating any available evidence. It is best **NOT** to bathe, shower, brush your teeth, urinate, defecate, douche, change or launder clothing or bedding where evidence may be found. Clothing may be kept as evidence.

If you choose **NOT** to contact Law Enforcement, it is still important to take good care of yourself. You may consider making an appointment with a physician to be screened for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy. A police report is **not necessary** to receive victim services.

The Palm Beach State College District Counseling Center offers confidential services at no cost to all students and employees, both male and female. The Counseling Center can recommend resources to deal with the emotional and psychological trauma of sexual crimes. The Palm Beach State College Counseling Center number is 561-868-3980.