



# SAFE SPACE

## September Newsletter, 2014

### *Back to School: Be Safe on Campus*



College campuses nationwide are feeling the effects of sexual assaults within their educational communities. The following statistics are reflective of studies completed in the last 10-15 years:

- \* 20-25% - percentage of women victimized by an attempted or completed rape on a campus
- \* 9 out of 10 college women who were victimized in a sexual assault knew their offender
- \* Over 12% of completed rapes, 35% of attempted rapes, almost 23% of threatened rapes happened during a date.
- \* It is estimated that for every 1000 women who attend college every academic year, there is 35 incidents of rape
- \* Less than 5% of completed or attempted rapes were reported to law enforcement.
- \* HOWEVER... 2/3 of those who did not report to law enforcement did report the attack to another person, usually a friend, not family or school officials.

One way that the U. S. Government has responded to these astounding numbers is by creating the SaVE Act (Campus Sexual Violence Elimination). The SaVE Act requires that dating/ domestic/sexual violence and

stalking incidents be reported in an annual crime statistics report, that victims (students and faculty alike) are provided with written resources available in the community, provides standards for disciplinary procedures, and requires campuses to have educational programming regarding the issues of dating/domestic/sexual violence and stalking.

In an effort to raise awareness of the potential for this danger in our own community, Safe Space is committed to providing services to all students and faculty of Montana Tech campuses in Butte, MT.

Safe Space has many ways to meet with an advocate to receive resources, referrals, and support for all victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence and stalking. The first is a trained advocate who is present every Monday during the school year from 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. at Highland Campus. The trained advocate is a paid staff member who is able to provide informed guidance and ongoing support on campus and off.

As with any survivor, Safe Space is available 24 hours a day on the Crisis Hotline. 406-782-8511.

Safe Space invites all Montana Tech students and faculty to follow us on Facebook for day-to-day updates on services, programs, presentations, and volunteering opportunities. All of which can also be found on our website:

[www.safespaceonline.org](http://www.safespaceonline.org)

While intervention and response is important in campus assaults, so is prevention. While there is no full-proof formula that fully prevents violence, there are many ways to increase awareness of danger, on campus and off! Here are some tips on how to minimize your risks of being the victim of a domestic, dating or sexual assault during your college experience (Tips obtained from *Rape Abuse & Incest National Network, www.rainn.org, 08/2014*):

- \* Be aware of your surroundings and avoid being isolated.
- \* Trust your instincts—they are usually right!
- \* Walk with a purpose and try not to load yourself down with too many bags or packages.
- \* Avoid putting headphones on, which may drown out signs of a predator nearby.
- \* Always have your cell phone on, charged and carry money for a cab.
- \* Go with friends to social gatherings, watch out for each other, and leave together.
- \* Never leave a drink unattended. If you do, order a new drink. Be sure that when you order a drink, you can see it being made and it is not brought to you by a stranger.
- \* If you suspect a friend has been drugged or in other ways incapacitated, call 9-1-1 immediately!

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## SHELTER

24 hr. crisis line  
(406) 782-8511

## ADVOCACY

An advocate can help with:

- \* Locating financial resources
- \* Court accompaniment
- \* Brainstorming plans for getting away
- \* Anticipating legal needs and resources

## SAFETY

If you feel unsafe in your home but are not quite ready to leave, call us to discuss safety planning options that might keep you safe until you are ready. Crisis line is available 24 hours/day!



# *Domestic Violence Awareness Month:*

## *How to Get Involved Now!*

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Safe Space is planning multiple awareness activities and will be offering presentations to agencies, businesses, and organizations and groups at no charge (always free!) throughout the entire month. Safe Space advocates enjoy bringing so much information to the communities we serve, but are in need of volunteers to help facilitate and bring to life the many ways we can speak out and stand up to domestic violence.

Volunteer Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays at 5:30 P.M. at the Jacobs House resource center. Registered volunteers as well as persons who are just feeling out the opportunities are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in any of the listed events and would like to become involved, please contact Safe Space at 406-782-9807 or email the Executive Director, Sabrina Tauscher, at [sabrinaw@safespaceonline.org](mailto:sabrinaw@safespaceonline.org).

### **1st Annual Safe Space Open House**

*October 1st, 2014 12 P.M.—2 P.M. Jacobs House—201 W. Granite Street*

Meet the Staff and Advocates of Safe Space, see plans for program expansion, read reviews of clients, and enjoy snacks and refreshments.

### **2nd Annual "Light Up The Night to Stop Violence" Fun Run**

*October 4th, 2014 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M. Location to be announced*

Participants can choose to run a 3 mile run or a 1 mile walk/run. Perfect outdoor fun for the whole family, a group of friends, or running enthusiast!

### **Purple Pinkies Challenge**

*All month long!*

Safe Space challenges all of Butte to paint your pinkies purple—the color of domestic violence awareness—and donate \$5. Once you have completed your challenge, you can challenge your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors!

### **Purple Sock Drive**

*All month long!*

Winter months are brutal and cold with snow and sub-zero temperatures. Survivors who come to shelter are always in need of warm socks and slippers. Find a drop off location and donate new and unused socks (purple or not).

### **14th Annual Officer of the Year Award**

*Date and Location to be announced*

Safe Space has honored an officer in Butte-Silver Bow County every year since 1997 for their work with victims and survivors. In 2014, Safe Space will also honor an officer from Jefferson and from Anaconda-Deer Lodge counties. The

### **Purple Lights Nights**

*All month long!*

Purchase a purple light at Suited for Success (27 W. Park Street) to shine in your front lawn or entryway for the entire month of October.



# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 31	1	2	3 6PM Cruise Night Car Tunes on Montana St.  Women's Support Group 4 p.m.	4  5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting	5  5:30 P.M.  Jim Gill's Concert at Montana Tech SUB	6
7	8	9 SUPERMOON  Cuddle up with your loved one and enjoy the view!	10  Women's Support Group 4 p.m.	11  5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17  Women's Support Group 4 p.m.	18  5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24  Women's Support Group 4 p.m.	25  5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting	26  United Way's Day of Caring	27
28	29  10 a.m. SECGC Non Profit Fair Capital Rotunda in Helean	30  12:30 Noon— Volunteer Lunch Meeting	October 1  Women's Support Group 4 p.m.  12p Safe Space Open House	2  5:30 PM— Volunteer Meeting	3	4  2nd Annual Fun Run Tentatively 6:00 P.M.

