



Student Counselling Centre's position against Gender Based Violence

DUT STUDENT COUNSELLING AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENDORSES A ZERO TOLERANCE APPROACH TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE. IT DOES NOT PROMOTE THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY, GENDER INEQUALITIES, AND ABUSE OF POWER.

What Is GBV

Gender based Violence is an umbrella term for any harm that is perpetrated against a persons will. GBV can have a detrimental effect on an individual's physical, psychological and emotional health, as well as impact negatively on the person's social, and academic functioning. Often individual who find themselves in GBV situations blame themselves, feel ashamed and at times hope the situation will improve with time.

Types of GBV

These are some of the forms in which GBV is perpetuated:





Stand up against GBV

Above is the process to be followed when reporting Gender Based Violence of any form:

Arrange a meeting with your lecturer, supervisor or employer to report the incidents should the GBV continue and decide a mutual management plan.

A complainant may opt to withdraw a complaint at any time.

Irrespective of whether a complainant decides to report the matter formally, medical intervention (Isolempilo Clinic) and psycho-social support (Student Counselling and Health) will be given.

After hours reporting of GBV incidents should be made at the office of protection services thereafter students can receive medical intervention from a Thuthuzela Centre at Addington Hospital/ RK Khan Hospital or Edenvale Hospital (PMB).

The complainant is encouraged to document the dates, times, behaviour and witnesses in a diary. Also save any technological evidence sent by the perpetrator (E.G. SMS, notes, emails, phone calls).

The recipient of the complaint will channel the complaint to the appropriate structure for further investigation, subject to the approval of the complainant.

A trained investigator will be appointed to assess the merits of the case. The investigation needs to be conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

Regular feedback regarding the progress of the investigation must be given to the complainant.

Complainants are entitled to bring at least one support person with them to attend proceedings.

Complainants may choose to pursue their matter through the criminal justice system (reporting to SAPS).

#ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

#SPEAK OUT AGAINST GBV

#NO ONE SHOULD BE NEXT

#BREAK THE SILENCE

#OPPOSE GBV

How Student Counselling Centre Can Help:

- Student counselling offers a confidential and safe space in which students are able to receive psychological and emotional support as well as an appropriate referral if needed.
- Student counselling is also providing workshops on the Gender based Violence policy.
 - The departments can request the workshop by contacting their student Counselling representatives or by calling 031 373 2266.
- Advocacy for those who affected by Gender Based Violence.



These are some of the resources available to students whom are affected by GBV:

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| SAPS Emergency Services | 10111 |
| GBV Command Centre | Contact the 24-hour Gender Based Violence Command Centre toll-free number 0800 428 428 to report abuse |
| South African Police Service | Report all cases of rape, sexual assault or any form of violence to a local police station or call the toll-free Crime Stop number: 086 00 10111 |
| Legal Aid South Africa | Call the toll-free Legal Aid Advice Line 0800 110 110 for free legal aid if you who cannot afford one |
| Commission for Gender Equality | Report Gender Discrimination and Abuse: 0800 007 709 |
| South African Human Rights Commission | Call 011 877 3600 to lodge a complaint about human rights violations. |
| Domestic violence Helpline: | Stop Women Abuse: 0800 150 150 |
| Thuthuzela Care Centre (RK Khan Hospital) | One-stop facilities aiming to reduce secondary victimisation, improve conviction rates and reduce the cycle time for finalisation of cases 031 459 6000 |