

Prevention and Risk Reduction

MIAD students, faculty and staff work together to keep MIAD a safe learning environment. It is important to understand how you can prevent sexual violence by intervening on behalf of a potential victim and by reducing your risk of assault.

MIAD provides all new students **Bystander Intervention Training** and risk reduction strategies as part of our orientation programming. If you are interested in Bystander Intervention Training for a MIAD student organization, please contact Marianne Honrath, Director of Residential Living & Student Engagement, email: mariannehonrath@miad.edu, Phone: 414-847-3246.

Resources

Marquette University's Sexual Misconduct website is an excellent resource on prevention and risk reduction as well as Bystander Intervention:

*"People can prevent sexual assault by not sexually assaulting someone else, or by **intervening** when an acquaintance is potentially going to engage in non-consensual behavior.*

Risk Reduction:

Risk reduction is making decisions that will increase the odds of keeping you and your friends safe, like staying in groups when you're going out, drinking responsibly and communicating clearly.

*To be clear, if a person drinks too much, or is not among a group of friends, and is assaulted, they are not responsible for the assault. **Regardless of what someone is wearing or how much they drank, that person is not asking to be assaulted, nor are they the cause of the assault.***

Preventing sexual violence is only accomplished by teaching potential perpetrators not to commit the crime. However, it is important to teach potential victims risk reduction strategies to lower the likelihood that they will become targets of the crime".

(<http://www.marquette.edu/sexual-misconduct/sexual-assault-prevention.shtml>)

Marquette University Bystander Intervention Information:

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