

# Personal Safety Alert

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## Sexual Assault

On 08/28/2025, University Security received a report of a sexual assault that occurred on 08/24/2025 in Preska Residence Community. University officials are investigating.

\*Anyone with information about the above incident are urged to call University Security at 507-389-2111 or the Mankato Police at 507-304-4863.

Sexual assault is not sex; it is an act of violence. Although some people are assaulted by strangers, many other victims know their assailant.

If you or someone you know is sexually assaulted you can report it to University Security (507-389-2111).

- An advocate will be contacted for free and confidential services anytime.
- To preserve evidence do not bathe, shower, or change your clothes until you have talked to an advocate or the police.

Sexual assault can happen to anyone. Anyone initiating any kind of sexual contact with another person must seek consent and not engage in sexual contact unless consent is given. The perpetrator, not the survivor, is responsible for any instance of sexual assault. Nothing a survivor does or does not do is an excuse for sexual assault.

According to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities 1B.3 Sexual Violence Policy, consent is defined as follows

*Consent is informed, freely given and mutually understood. If coercion, intimidation, threats, and/or physical force are used, there is no consent. If the complainant is mentally or physically incapacitated or impaired so that the complainant cannot understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual situation, there is no consent; this includes conditions due to alcohol or drug consumption, or being asleep or unconscious. Silence does not necessarily constitute consent, and past consent of sexual activities does not imply ongoing future consent. Whether the respondent has taken advantage of a position of influence over the complainant may be a factor in determining consent.*

For more information on consent, see <http://admin.mnsu.edu/equal-opportunity-title-ix/sexual-violence/>.

As the Sexual Violence Policy makes clear: “Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is committed to eliminating sexual violence in all forms and will take appropriate remedial action against any individual found responsible for acts in violation of this policy.”