

College Level Prevention Tools

Rape is a crime of violence and control—and Montana, despite its rural status, is not immune to this crime. In 2012, 342 sexual assaults were reported to the Montana Board of Crime Control. Since rape is acknowledged as one of the most under-reported crimes, most experts see these numbers as conservative estimates.

To assist Montana in ending sexual violence, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) receives Rape Prevention Education (RPE) funds from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The goal of Montana's RPE Program has been to reduce the statewide incidence of sexual violence through primary prevention efforts focused on influencing knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

To help colleges make the best choices for educating their student body, the Montana RPE Program has partnered with five colleges:

- Montana State University, Billings
- Montana State University, Northern
- Montana Tech
- Salish Kootenai College
- University of Montana, Western

Other tools to help colleges address and prevent rape include the White House resource, Not Alone. This resource includes tools for assessment and policy review, prevention activities, and response protocols. To access these tools, please click here: <https://www.notalone.gov>

Clery Act Crime Data from Post-Secondary Institutions

All post-secondary institutions that receive federal funding are required by the Clery Act to report annual crime statistics. Montana has over 30 post-secondary institutions (including two and four year colleges and universities as well as several technical and cosmetology schools) most of which receive some form of federal funding. While states don't have a specific agency that collects and collates this data, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) does. The DOE has created "The Campus Security Data Analysis Cutting Tool." With this instrument, researchers simply click on "Get data for one institution" and then type in the name of the institution they are investigating. This instrument can be found at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>.

Other useful websites for information on sexual violence at post-secondary institutions include

- The White House at www.notalone.gov
- The Clery Center for Security on Campus at www.clerycenter.org
- The Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women at www.ovw.usdoj.gov
- U.S. Department of Education, Office of Post Secondary Education, Campus Security at www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus
- Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention at www.higheredcenter.org/
- Security on Campus Inc. at www.securityoncampus.org