

The Hidden Truth: Creating a Current Sexual Violence Policy

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Issue

To create current policies and procedures for the prevention of and response to sexual violence at Selkirk College.

Areas of Concern

- 20-43% of women experience sexual assault while attending college.
- 50% of sexual assaults involve alcohol.
- In 2015 the BC government implemented Bill-23, mandating that post secondary institutions create their own sexual violence misconduct policy. Prior to this, institutions were not legally required to have such a policy.

Method

A 10 question survey was distributed to the Selkirk College student population, designed to obtain their thoughts, witnessed occurrences, and responses to sexualized violence. 246



Please Don't Touch



Identified Themes

- Discomfort around discourse on sexual violence.
- Inability to verbalize forms of sexual violence.
- Inability to identify supports and resources available for sexual violence.
- Acceptance of rape culture beliefs (men and women).
- Student desire to have sexual violence defined, and have supports in place.

Lack of Reporting

Underreporting of sexual violence from BC Universities

of Reported Sexual Assaults in 2014 per 10,000 Population

