Sexual Misconduct Survey
Goals & Background

• To understand the frequency and types of sexual misconduct experienced by our students from the time they arrived at CU Boulder
• To understand this in the context of our own campus structure and resources so that we could take specific action related to the results
• Administered between Oct. 19 and Nov. 16, 2015
• 13,009 survey respondents (41% response rate)
# Sexual Assault Rates

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Sexual Assault Characteristics

• For both undergrad and graduate students the majority of sexual assaults occurred in an off-campus location in Boulder; for undergraduates, 13% of sexual assaults occurred in an on-campus residence hall

• Relationship to perpetrator: Someone they didn’t know prior to the incident (38%), casual/non-romantic friend (24%), acquaintance (20%), or dating partner (7%)

• The majority of sexual assaults happened during the fall semester (71%)

• From 2012-2015, the majority of assaults happened to first-year students (67%)
Reporting Sexual Assaults

• 61% of survey respondents told someone that they had been sexually assaulted:
  • 93% told a friend and/or roommate
  • 10% talked with the Office of Victim Assistance (OVA)
  • 8% officially reported to the university and/or to police

• Top reason that students don’t officially report sexual assault to university or to police is that they “did not think it was serious enough to report” (69%)
Actions for Fall

- Enhanced mandatory online course covering university policy on sexual misconduct, affirmative consent, and reporting
- Enhanced mandatory bystander intervention skills training for students
- Implement new Residence Life campaign messaging, educational materials, and skill building on effective use of the buddy system.
- Implement new educational campaigns on bystander intervention skills and what constitutes sexual assault (“Don’t Ignore It” and “Just Because” campaigns)
- Improve awareness of resources for support and reporting options (“Don’t Ignore It” and “How to Help a Friend” campaigns)