



Rotary  
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### SEXUAL ABUSE RESPONSE:

#### A Quick guide for Inbound Exchange Students

##### DEFINITIONS

**Sexual Abuse:** Engaging in implicit or explicit sexual acts with a student or forcing or encouraging a student to engage in implicit or explicit sexual acts alone or with another person of any age, of the same sex or opposite sex. This includes but is not limited to:

- ▶ Non-touching offenses
- ▶ Indecent exposure
- ▶ Exposing a child to sexual or pornographic material

**Sexual Harassment:** Refers to sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. In some cases, sexual harassment precedes sexual abuse. It is a technique used by sexual predators to desensitize or groom their victims. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Sexual advances; sexual epithets, jokes, written or oral references to sexual conduct, gossip regarding one's sex life, comments about one's sexual activity, deficiencies or prowess
- ▶ Verbal abuse of a sexual nature
- ▶ Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures or drawings
- ▶ Sexual leering or whistling, any inappropriate physical contact such as brushing or touching, obscene language or gestures and suggestive or insulting comments

*Rotary International is committed to protecting the safety and well being of Youth Exchange students and will not tolerate their abuse or harassment. All allegations of abuse or harassment will be taken seriously and must be handled within the guidelines provided herein. The safety and well being of students is always first priority.*

## **STUDENT PROCEDURES**

*If you are sexually or physically assaulted, abused, or are accused of sexually or physically assaulting or abusing another person, you should follow this procedure:*

**1. Report the situation immediately where you feel most comfortable:**

▶ . Local host Club Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Counselor, Club RYE Officer, District RYE Committee Chair, District RYE Executive Secretary or any member of the District RYE Committee.

▶ If you are not comfortable talking to a local person, contact a trusted Rotarian at home.

▶ You may also choose to contact the King County Sexual Assault Center resource Line at 888-998-6423.

**2. If nothing happens when you report the situation, report it again and continue until someone takes it seriously. Make sure we understand you are serious.**

**3. Intuition is not psychic nonsense. Trust your instincts. It is better to be embarrassed than to be a victim.**

## **Sexual Assault Resource Center Information**

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### **Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth**

Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

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