

## **Bystander Intervention**

Bystanders are persons other than the victim, who are present when a situation is occurring in which a reasonable person feels as though some protective action is required to prevent sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking; AND is feasible **without** placing themselves in a dangerous situation.

Bystanders, if active, can prevent harm or intervene before a situation gets worse by calling 911 or Campus Safety & Security. Examples of active bystander intervention include:

- Do not leave an overly intoxicated person in a bar/party alone
- Walk a classmate to his/her car after class
- Call police when a potentially violent situation is unfolding
- Do not leave an unconscious person alone (alert CPD, EMS, Campus Safety & Security, etc.)
- Intervene when someone is being belittled, degraded or emotionally abused (We suggest walking victim away from abuser and/or contact others for help, like Campus Safety & Security or the CCC Wellness Center).

### **Strategies to Intervene:**

- 1. DIRECT- Take Direct Action/ Confrontation**  
Ex: A friend makes a sexually explicit comment to a classmate during class, so you intervene to say that the comment not an appropriate time or way to talk to said classmate.
- 2. DISTRACT- Distract the assailant, so that the victim can seek help**  
Ex: You see someone continuously bothering a student for their phone number, while a student is waiting for a bus to leave campus. You start conversing with the harasser and give the harassed student a chance to leave the situation.
- 3. DELEGATE- Find others to help and solving the situation**  
Ex: A teacher's assistant has been offering to help students outside of class but in exchange for sexual favors, so you address the situation with your professor because you feel uncomfortable interacting with the teacher's assistant.

*\*\*\*Although each scenario is different and can require different reaction from the bystander, the ultimate goal of CCC is to foster responsibility of campus safety.*