Welcome to **EMPOWERMENT SCOOP**, a monthly newsletter consisting of education, tools, resources, and support provided by Kennesaw State University’s Office of Victim Services (OVS) and the Community, Outreach, Recruitment & Engagement Unit (C.O.R.E.). While we are still social distancing, OVS and C.O.R.E. would like to continue communicating and building relationships with students, faculty, and staff. Join us monthly to stay informed!

**WHO ARE WE?**

**Office of Victim Services (OVS)**

OVS is a 24/7, confidential resource on campus that assists students, faculty, and staff who have been impacted by a crime. Our nationally certified Victim Advocates provide the following services:

- Emotional support & crisis intervention
- Medical Advocacy (coordinating sexual assault exams, pregnancy, STI testing, and emergency contraception)
- Discussing options for reporting to campus safety or local law enforcement
- Act as a liaison to address any concerns with academics or other campus services.
- Safety planning & assistance with protective orders
- Referrals to counseling & support groups

**Community, Outreach, Recruitment & Engagement (C.O.R.E.)**

The Community Outreach, Recruitment, and Engagement (C.O.R.E.) Unit is responsible for crime prevention and the proactive commitment to the empowerment of the Kennesaw State University Community. C.O.R.E. provides educational guidance through brochures, presentations, social media, campus assessments, and informational programming. We understand that the law can be complex and confusing at times. The C.O.R.E. Unit offers informational sessions on how laws impact you, to aid in supporting good decision making.

**Outreach & Prevention Education**

Interested in learning more about a particular topic???

We would love to come out and speak to your class or organization.

**Operation Identification (Operation ID)** is a crime prevention program that encourages members of the KSU community to mark their property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft.

**Protect Your Property**

1) Write or engrave your valuables with your driver's license number (do not use social security number) so your property can be easily identified as yours.

2) Register your property using KSU PD's Operation ID Form. Go to [https://police.kennesaw.edu/core/core_operation_id.php](https://police.kennesaw.edu/core/core_operation_id.php)
STALKING AWARENESS

What are the signs of Stalking?

Stalking is defined as threats with repeated harassing behaviors that cause a person to feel unsafe. Some of the tactics stalkers use include:
- Unwanted phone calls, text messages, emails, social media messages
- Unwanted gifts
- Approaching the victim or showing up unwanted at their home, workplace or school
- Watching, following or tracking the victim
- Sneaking into the victim’s home or car, leaving threats and doing things to scare them

Tips if you’re being Stalked:

- Trust your instincts. Tell someone.
- Set clear boundaries. Tell your stalker not to contact you anymore. Do not continue to engage in conversation.
- Keep a record or log. Document everything.
- Do not block. Save all evidence (emails, texts, photos, social media messages or posts) when possible.
- Turn OFF all GPS or location tracking features on apps.
- Develop a safety plan. Speak to a Victim Advocate to develop a safety plan for your situation.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (TDVAM). The theme for TDVAM 2021 is *Know Your Worth*. *Know Your Worth* is all about learning about healthy relationships and self-empowerment! Every young person is deserving of a healthy, loving relationship.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing dating violence,

**HELP IS AVAILABLE.**

KSU Office of Victim Services
24/7 Hotline
470-578-4257

National Domestic Violence
24/7 Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

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