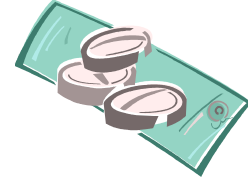




# Your Safety Matters

## Date Rape Drug Awareness

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Date rape drugs are commonly used to facilitate sexual assault. Date Rape Drugs such as GHB and Rohypnol are sometimes used to facilitate sexual assault when slipped into drinks.

- Effects range from amnesia, memory impairment, dizziness, semi-consciousness, loss of inhibitions, etc.
- These drugs are tasteless and odorless.
- Rohypnol, “roofies”, changes to blue color when it comes into contact with liquid. Not as easily detected in dark liquors.

## What to do if it happens to you

- ⇒ Get to a safe place. Ask a trusted friend to stay with you. Call Brown Public Safety (4111), or Providence Police (911). You may also call 4111 to be aligned with an on-call (24-7) Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor from Psychological Services.
- ⇒ Go to a hospital as soon as possible. Ask for an examination and evidence collection (urine and blood test). Call the Victims of Crime Helpline at 1-800-494-8100 to have an experienced advocate accompany and support you while at the hospital.
- ⇒ Preserve as much physical evidence as reasonably possible. Do not urinate, shower, bathe, or throw away clothing you were wearing during the incident. Save any other potential evidence such as the glass or bottle that held your drink.
- ⇒ Calling the police *does not* require filing charges against the alleged offender. Public Safety officers only duty upon response is to ensure your safety and well-being.
- ⇒ In RI, there is no statute of limitations for filing sexual assault charges. This means, you may bring formal criminal charges against your offender at anytime. It is your choice to make.
- ⇒ SATRC, Day One in RI offers SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) services which includes advocacy and guidance to survivors pursuing a criminal complaint. For more information about SART call (401)421-4100.

Please visit the  
Brown Department of Public Safety  
website for additional safety tips and  
crime awareness information:

[www.brown.edu/publicsafety](http://www.brown.edu/publicsafety)

## THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK!

- ⇒ Have a designated “sober” person with you when you go to parties, clubs or bars. Make a plan to periodically check up on each other.
- ⇒ If one of your friends appears very intoxicated, gets sick after drinking a beverage, passes out and is difficult to awaken, seems to have difficulty breathing, or is behaving in a uncharacteristic way, take steps to ensure your friend’s safety. If necessary call 911 if off campus, or 4111 if on campus for emergency medical assistance.
- ⇒ Don’t drink from bottles or glasses that have been left unattended while you were away at the restroom, dance floor, etc. Discard it and buy a new one!
- ⇒ Don’t exchange or share a drink with anyone.
- ⇒ Don’t drink from a container that is being passed around or any open, common container such as a punch bowl. “Dosing” happens.
- ⇒ If someone offers to buy you drink, and you accept, accompany that person to the bar and witness the drink being prepared.
- ⇒ Do not drink anything with an unusual taste or appearance, like a salty taste, or unexplained residue.

Visit the Health Education website for  
additional information  
about sexual assault awareness and  
support services available at Brown.

[http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/Health\\_Services/Health\\_Education/](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Health_Services/Health_Education/)

## Stay Safe!