

THE DO'S AND DO NOT'S OF BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

This graphic offers tips for how to intervene in public instances of interpersonal violence and harassment while considering the safety of all parties. This is another tool to use to keep HSC campus safe from harassment and violence



Do

MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN

- Make eye contact with the person being harassed, ask if they want support
- Move yourself near person being harassed
- If safe, create distance or a barrier between that person and the attacker

TAKE CUES FROM THE PERSON BEING HARASSED

- Is the person engaging with the harasser or not? You can make suggestions, "Would you like to walk with me over here?"
- Follow their lead
- Notice if they are resisting in their own way, and honor that

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KEEP BOTH OF YOU SAFE

- Assess your surroundings by asking "Are there others nearby you can pull in to support?"
- Working in a team is a good idea
- Can you move to a safer place?

DO NOT ESCALATE THE SITUATION

- We want to get the person being harassed to safety
- We do not want to incite more violence from the attacker

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DO NOT REMAIN SILENT

- Silence is dangerous - it communicates approval and leaves the victim high and dry
- If you feel too nervous or afraid to speak out, communicate your support with your body



Please use the QR code above to refer a person of concern to the Care Team
The Care Team also operates a 24/7 Care Team Line
(817) 735-2740
In an emergency, call 911 or HSC Police at (817) 735-2600