

TALKING TO YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

PART 2

ENCOURAGE BYSTANDER INTERVENTION.

If you're at a party and a friend seems uncomfortable or freaked out, don't be afraid to step in and help. Sometimes it's hard to stick up for yourself in that situation.

How am I supposed to do that without making it awkward?

You can change the conversation, ask your friend to come with you to the bathroom to check in, or move the party elsewhere.

STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSENT.

If you want to have sex with someone, you need to make sure they want to do it, too. If you're not sure, just ask!

That's so awkward though...it'll ruin the mood.

You can do it in a way that it won't ruin the mood. Ask them what they want, or how they want the night to go.

IDENTIFY CAMPUS RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

Do you know where to go on campus if you need help, like the health center or student affairs?

Not really...

OK, let's look it up online quickly.

ESTABLISH AN OPEN LINE OF COMMUNICATION.

I hope you feel like you can talk to me about staying safe on campus.

I feel awkward talking about some of this stuff with you.

That's understandable, but I'm here for you, no matter what happens.