



## **Abuse or Harassment Reporting Procedures**

We expect that your exchange year will be one of the best experiences of your life. We make every effort to ensure that you are safe however, there is the possibility that you will be the victim of assault, abuse or harassment. Your safety is very important to us and we can only help you if we know you have a problem.

**“Exchange students have the right to adhere to personal standards regarding their bodies. While respecting vast cultural differences, each student has the right to judge how they deal with unwelcome sexual contact or related physical activity including nudity, exposure, touch, suggestive comments and sexual intercourse.”**

If you have been threatened or feel threatened with physical, psychological or sexual assault or abuse you should follow the following procedure:

1. Report the situation and circumstances to your Host Youth Exchange Officer (YEO) immediately.
2. You must also report the situation to your District Chairperson, Bob Killbery or your Inbound Coordinator, Toni Stedeford. You may call collect from anywhere at any time of the day you are involved in this type of situation.

It is important that you not delay in reporting any incident or threat of assault or abuse. Be sure that someone in the District Youth Exchange Program understands the seriousness of your situation.

**WE WANT TO HELP YOU!! OUR CONCERN IS YOUR WELLNESS AND HEALTH, NOT SENDING YOU HOME**