



## 9/20/2024 – Timely Warning

The Eastern Washington University Police Department (EWUPD) wants to inform you of several concerning reports made to law enforcement and university officials.

Two students have reported that while attending parties at fraternity/sorority houses over the weekend, they were given drinks that they believed to be laced with unknown substances.

In both cases, the victims experienced symptoms consistent with unknowingly ingesting altered substances such as "roofies" or other controlled drugs. These reports are being actively investigated by the EWUPD.

If you have any information that may be helpful in these investigations, please contact EWUPD at 509-359-7676, Cheney Police Department at the Spokane County Crime Check Line 509-456-2233, or use the EWUPD general/anonymous crime report link at:

<https://inside.ewu.edu/police/report-a-crime/anonymous-crime-reporting/>.

You may also report on our anonymous TipLine at 509-359-4286.

It is important to note that crime is never the fault of the victim. Perpetrators alone are responsible for crimes and their effects. The university does not tolerate this behavior.

We encourage everyone to remain vigilant, look out for one another, and report any suspicious activity to campus authorities. Your safety is our top priority. EWUPD offers the following suggestions that may help reduce the possibility of experiencing a crime:

- Don't put your drink down. If your drink is out of sight, even for a few minutes, don't finish it. Get yourself a new one.
- Don't accept an open drink from anyone. If you order a drink in a bar, make sure you watch the bartender open the bottle or mix your drink.
- Avoid punch bowls. You can't be sure what's in the punch, so think twice before you partake.
- Make a pact with your friends to watch out for each other, and spread the word about these "date rape drugs" to everyone you know.
- If you think you may have been given a "date rape drug," immediately go to the emergency room and ask for a urine screening test. Though traces of the drug may still appear up to 72 hours after ingestion (depending on dosage, and individual metabolism) the chances of getting proof are best when the sample is obtained quickly. Therefore, in the event that you are sexually assaulted after you were unknowingly given one of these drugs, the results of this test could provide incriminating evidence against your attacker.

**Resources Available for Survivors**

- Dean of Students – 509.359.7924
- Counseling & Wellness – 509.359.2366
- Title IX Coordinator – 509.359.2021
- Lutheran Community Services Crisis Line (24/7) – 509.624.7273
- YWCA Domestic Violence Crisis Line (24/7) – 509.326.2255
- RAINN (National Sexual Assault Hotline) – 1.800.656.4673

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