

What is sexual violence?

Sexual violence is an all-encompassing, non-legal term that refers to any sexual act or experience committed against someone without that person's freely given consent. Sexual violence is accomplished through threat, coercion, exploitation, deceit, force, physical or mental incapacitation, and/or power of authority. Some forms of sexual violence include, but are not limited to the following:

- **Sexual Assault:** Any nonconsensual sexual contact, including oral and anal
- **Sexual Harassment:** Unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; & other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, such as: sexual innuendo, offensive jokes, or repeated unwanted invitations.
- **Sex Trafficking:** The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.
- **Sextortion:** The act of threatening to share sexually compromising information or nude or explicit images; occurs when someone threatens to distribute one's private and sensitive material if images of a sexual nature, money, or sexual favors are not provided.
- **Stealthing:** Non-consensual condom removal, or "stealthing", is the practice of a person removing a condom during sexual intercourse without consent, when their sex partner has only consented to condom-protected sex. Victims are exposed to potential sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS, or unwanted pregnancies.

Survivor Resources

Against Abuse Inc. sexual violence services are free, confidential, and inclusive. AAI provides sexual violence services to adults and children.

- 24-Hour Crisis Line: (520) 836-0858
- Emergency shelter
- Safety planning
- Lay legal advocacy
- Assistance with Victim's Compensation applications; Restitution; Orders of Protection; Victim Impact Statements
- Medical forensic exam accompaniment
- Sexual violence crisis intervention
- Sexual violence education for survivors and their families
- Sexual violence educational peer support groups in English and Spanish
- Ongoing services such as 1:1 Support sessions, Support Groups, Referrals to other agencies such as medical or therapeutic services.

Local Resources

- Pinal County Sheriff's Office (520) 866-6800 or (800) 420-8689
- Casa Grande Police Department (520) 421-8700
- Maricopa Police Department (520) 316-6800

Arizona Resource

- ACESDV (Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence) (602) 279-2900

AGAINST ABUSE INC.

Sexual Violence Services



Pinal County Advocacy and Sexual Violence Program

119 N. Florence Street
P.O. Box 10733
Casa Grande, AZ 85130
Office Phone: (520) 836-1239
24-hour Crisis Line: (520) 836-0858

Office Hours: Weekdays
8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Crisis intervention provided 24 hours 7 days a week.

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SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Statistics

- Every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. *
- 1 out of every 5 women in the U.S. have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. **
- 24.8% of men in the U.S. have experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime. **
- 81% of female victims & 71% of male victims report they experienced sexual violence prior to age 25. **
- 81% of women & 43% of men in the U.S. have reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime. ***



* Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *National Crime Victimization Survey*, 2019 (2020).

** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, *The National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey: 2015 data brief—updated release* (2018).

*** Stop Street Harassment, *The facts behind the #metoo movement: A national study on sexual harassment and assault* (2018).

What can I do if I've experienced sexual violence?

Talk to someone. Talk with a trusted and safe friend or family member. Call Against Abuse, Inc.'s crisis line or make an appointment to talk with a sexual violence advocate.

If you choose, you can request a sexual assault medical forensic exam or visit the nearest Banner Hospital or Family Advocacy Center (FAC). A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) can help you by providing a head to toe examination, collecting evidence, documenting injuries, providing resources, and providing expert testimony. This exam may address both your physical and emotional traumas from sexual violence. A Sexual Violence Advocate is available to accompany you during this exam.

File a police report. If you choose, an advocate can help you contact law enforcement to file a police report. If you are interested in prosecution, a police

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How can I help someone I know who has experienced sexual violence?

- Inform them about Against Abuse, Inc.'s sexual violence services
- Believe that they have experienced sexually violence
- Ask how you can help
- Be a good listener
- Allow time for silence
- Remind them the violence is not their fault
- Maintain their need for privacy
- Respect their choices, even if you disagree
- Encourage them to seek medical attention
- Avoid victim blaming and judgments
- Avoid hugging or physical contact unless they ask you for it
- Understand your own feelings and seek services for yourself