

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) is the leading nonprofit in providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence. NSVRC translates research and trends in sexual assault prevention into best practices that help individuals, communities and service providers achieve real and lasting change. NSVRC was chartered in 2000 by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and is one of the three founding organizations of Raliance, a national, collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation.

Our Work Includes:

- Connecting the public, health providers, law enforcement, policymakers and local service providers with the information and expertise needed to effectively address and prevent sexual violence in all communities.
- Providing information, resources and training for journalists and the media to promote high-impact reporting and enhance public understanding of sexual violence.
- Promoting awareness and prevention through educational campaigns, including the nationally observed Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) each April, which highlights a specific area of prevention each year.
- Maintaining the world's largest specialized library collection on sexual violence, prevention and related topics, providing an online catalog of a comprehensive selection of relevant and timely resources, with free access upon request.

About Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is any type of unwanted sexual contact. It is a broad term that includes rape, incest, child sexual abuse, intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual exploitation, human trafficking, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure and voyeurism.

Stats at a Glance

- One in five women will be raped in their lifetime¹, and one out of every ten rape victims are male.²
- Nearly 1 in 2 women (44.6) and 1 in 5 men (22.2) experience sexual violence other than rape throughout their lifetime.³
- Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to police.⁴ Only 12 percent of child sexual abuse is reported.⁵
- One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college.⁶ The vast majority of sexual assault crimes on college campuses (90 percent) are never reported.⁷
- Despite misconceptions, the prevalence of false reporting for sexual assault crimes is low - between two percent and 10 percent.⁸

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