


# S.A.R.L.

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**AVAILABLE 24HRS A  
DAY FOR WOMEN, MEN,  
AND CHILDREN WHO  
HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY  
ASSAULTED OR ABUSED**

**Trained professionals can:**

- provide emotional support
- advocate and provide support through the medical or legal process
- provide accurate information and referrals
- answer questions in response to a friend or family member who has been sexually assaulted



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**Sexual Assault  
Response Line**

WHEN YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
WHERE ELSE TO  
GO

**983-2300**

**24 HOURS  
A DAY**



## ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Sexual violence is the use of sexual actions and/or words that are unwanted by and harmful to another person.

### Understanding Sexual Coercion

Pressuring someone to agree to a sexual act by intimidating, threatening, misusing authority, manipulating, tricking, or bribing with actions or words is coercion.

When a person has been coerced, she or he has not given consent.

## Facts About Sexual Violence

Anyone can be a victim of sexual violence. Age, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and size do not matter.

Most often, sexual violence happens between people who know each other. The perpetrator may be a friend, family member, spouse, or dating partner.

Rape happens to both men and women. No one ever asks for or deserves to be raped. Rape is not an act of overwhelming love or passion; it is an act of violence. Rape is a crime that is punishable by law.

Sexual assault can involve the use of alcohol and drugs.

Most victims do not show physical signs of sexual violence.

You have the right to work and/or go to school in an environment free from sexual harassment.

Sexual Violence is the most under reported violent crime.

