



# sexual assault & violence

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In Australia, every hour, at least one person reports a sexual assault to the police. Many more suffer in silence. Estimates suggest that 85% of all sexual assaults go unreported due to feelings of embarrassment and shame.

Most sexual assault victims are women, more than half are assaulted by someone they know, and most sexual assaults occur in someone's home. Many women will never tell anyone about the incident and only 12% will seek professional support or counselling. If someone confides in you, encourage them to contact one of the services listed below, or contact the service yourself to get further information on how you can support them.

**ACT:** Rape Crisis Centre - **02 6247 2525**

**NSW:** Rape Crisis Centre - (metro) **02 9819 6565**, (rural) **1800 424 017**

**NT:** Sexual Assault Emergency Line - **08 8922 7156**

**QLD:** Rape & Incest Support Centre - **07 3391 0004** (BH), **1800 010 120** (AH)

**SA:** Sexual Assault Referral - **1800 817 421**

**TAS:** Sexual Assault Service - (south) **03 6231 1811**, (north) **03 6334 2740**

**VIC:** Sexual Assault Service - (metro) **03 9344 2210** (BH) **03 9349 1766** (AH), (rural) **1800 806 292**

**WA:** Sexual Assault Resource Centre - (metro) **08 9340 1828**, (rural) **1800 199 008**

**Imagine a week of open minds not closed fists  
– let's make it a reality**

