

What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is any form of unwanted sexual activity that is forced upon a person without that person's consent. Sexual assault can range from unwanted sexual touching to forced intercourse. While most sexual assaults are perpetrated against women, both women and men can and are sexually assaulted.

What is Sexual Abuse?

Child sexual abuse occurs when a child under the age of 16 is used for sexual purposes by an adult or adolescent. It is inherently emotionally abusive and is a betrayal of trust and an abuse of power over the child. Sexual abuse is often accompanied by other forms of mistreatment. Child sexual abuse involves exposing a child to any sexual activity or behavior, whether direct or indirect. Examples include sexual touching, sexual acts, exhibitionism, voyeurism, pornography, and prostitution. The law does not differentiate between actions performed on a child and those performed by a child.

Who Can Use the Services of the Sexual Assault Care Centre?

- People of all genders; adults, adolescents and children who have been sexually assaulted or abused.
- Families, friends, partners or spouses affected by sexual assault or abuse.
- Anyone living in Sault Ste. Marie or the District of Algoma who needs information or referral services.
- People of all cultures, sexual orientations and lifestyles are accepted and supported.

Our service is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

If you have been recently sexually assaulted you can go to:

The Emergency Department
Sault Area Hospital
750 Great Northern Road
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
705.759.3434

If you want counselling for sexual assault or abuse you can call the Sexual Assault Care Centre:

705.759.5143
Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

If you want to make an appointment for a child at the Care Clinic call the Centre:

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Sexual Assault Care Centre



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What Services Does the Sexual Assault Care Centre Provide

Immediate Medical Care

- Medical care following a sexual assault is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including holidays, through the Emergency Department, Sault Area Hospital.
- Specially trained nurses and doctors are on-call to provide support, examination and treatment of injuries or conditions from the assault.
- Preventative treatment for sexually transmitted disease or infection is provided.
- Forensic evidence can be collected upon request.
- Police involvement is an individual choice.
- Follow-up care is available.
- The Sexual Assault team of nurses and doctors will give all the information needed for the individual to make choices that are comfortable for her/him.

Care Clinic

- The Care Clinic provides gentle, child-friendly medical examinations for children 15 years and under who have been abused.
- Examinations and forensic evidence collection is done by a specially trained doctor and nurse.

Counselling Care

- Trauma focused therapy for victims of recent or past sexual assault.
- Specially trained social workers offer a variety of trauma informed therapy and treatment approaches for adults and children.
- Trauma focused therapy for children who have experienced sexualized violence.
- Education for parents of children who have experienced sexualized violence.
- Individual, family and group therapy.

Education/Prevention/Outreach

An important function of the Sexual Assault Care Centre is to provide sexual assault education, prevention and outreach to both professional and community groups. Sexual Assault Care Centre staff will speak to groups or classes. Professional training and community awareness is arranged upon request.

Research

To better understand, prevent and respond to sexual assault/abuse, the Sexual Assault Care Centre is committed to research.

Resource Library

A comprehensive library of pamphlets, books, articles and videos is available to the community at no charge.