

What Is Sexual Violence?

Domestic Sexual violence can be defined as any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient of the unwanted sexual activity. Falling under the definition of sexual assault is sexual activity such as forced sexual intercourse, sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. Sexual violence is never the victim's fault. It's important for victims to know that they are not alone.

Children

- 6.1 percent of all children have been sexually victimized in the past year.
- Incest between a child or adolescent and a related adult has been identified as the most widespread form of child sexual abuse.
- In North America, approximately 15% to 25% of women and 5% to 15% of men were sexually abused when they were children.

Adolescents

- More than one in ten girls will be physically forced to have sexual intercourse by the time they graduate high school. .
- In Idaho, 30% of students have sent or received a nude or semi-nude image of themselves or someone else via email or text.
- In Idaho, 9% of students report having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to.

Adults

- 1 in 5 (18.3%) women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.
- More than three-quarters of female victims of completed rape (79.6%) were first raped before their 25th birthday; 29.9% experienced their first completed rape before the age of 18
- During their lives, 1 in 71 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape; 27.8% occurred before the men were 10 years or younger..
- Persons with a disability had an age-adjusted rate of rape or sexual assault that was more than twice the rate for persons without a disability.
- Victims of sexual assault know their attacker the overwhelming majority of the time. Nationwide, adult victims in 73% of the cases knew the attacker, 38% were friends of the attacker, 28% were an intimate partner of the attacker, and 7% were a relative of the attacker.

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1 (800) 656-4673 or www.rainn.org

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