

304-399-1111

Toll-Free 1-866-399-7273

All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL

If you have been sexually assaulted:



Go to a safe place.
If you are in danger, call 911.



Call CONTACT's 24 Hour Hotline and an advocate can provide support, information and referrals.



Seek immediate attention for health concerns or injuries. Hospitals and County Health Departments can provide emergency contraception and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.



Request a forensic medical examination within 96 hours of the assault. You can have a forensic medical exam even if you do not report (if you are 18 or older).



Preserve evidence. If the assault was recent, do not change clothing, shower, urinate, brush hair or teeth, or touch anything where the assault occurred.



Consider reporting the assault to the police.



Seek counseling and ongoing support.
Plan for your ongoing safety.

It is never too late to reach out and get help.

**Know that by surviving
you did everything right!**

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CONTACT

24 Hour Rape Crisis Center

Serving survivors of sexual violence in
Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason
counties since 1970

Huntington Office

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Fax: 304-523-0558

CONTACT of Mason

P.O. Box 94
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CONTACT of Huntington provides free and confidential services to all persons affected by sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking regardless of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations, marital status, non-disqualifying physical or mental disability, and sexual orientation.

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**24 Hour
Hotline**

CONTACT Rape Crisis Center provides **free and confidential** crisis intervention and follow-up services for anyone who has experienced sexual violence or stalking.

Our **24-hour hotline** makes support and information available to victims and those who care about them.

CONTACT'S trained advocates can also give practical and emotional support at the hospital during medical exams, in law enforcement interviews, and court appearances.


In addition to supporting survivors and spreading awareness about the problem of sexual assault and stalking in our community, CONTACT is committed to preventing sexual violence at any age.


Please call for more information about programs and professional trainings for schools, businesses, faith-based organizations, and community groups.




Sexual Violence and The Law

The key element in any sex offense is the *lack of consent* to the sexual activity, whether due to force, age, physical helplessness (which could include being drunk or drugged), or mental incapacitation.

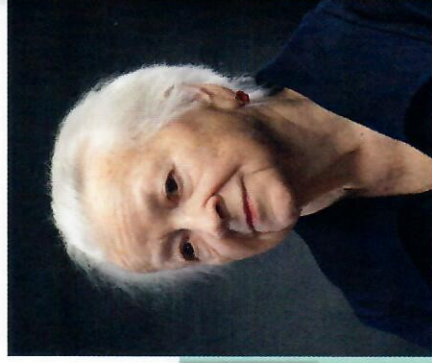
 **Sexual abuse** occurs when a person subjects another person to sexual contact without their consent by using physical force, threat, or intimidation.

 **Sexual assault** is vaginal, anal, or oral penetration of a person's body by an object or any part of another person's body.

 **West Virginia has no statute of limitations on reporting sexual assault.**

Stalking is repeated, unwanted following or credible threat that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury for themselves or their families.

CONTACT advocates can assist in filing for protective orders and with safety planning.



You may have been a victim, but one day you will be a survivor!



For more information visit:
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The West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services – www.fris.org

Rape Abuse & Incest National Network
www.RAINN.org

National Stalking Resource Center
www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center

Volunteer with CONTACT and support victims in healing. To find out more, call 304-523-3447 or email advocate@contacthuntington.com.

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