

Did You Know?

Most sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim (a friend, date, classmate, neighbor, or relative) rather than a stranger.

Approximately 70% of the reported sex offenses in West Virginia occurred at a residence or in a home. (WV-IBRS, 2009)

1 in 6 adult women and 1 in 21 men will be the victim of an attempted or completed forcible rape in their lifetimes.
(WV Health Statistics Center, BRFSS, 2008)

West Virginia has no statute of limitations on reporting sexual assault. This means that even 20 years from now a sexual assault can be reported.

Sexual violence is NEVER the victim's fault. The responsibility and blame lie with the perpetrator, never with the victim.

How Can We Help?

Sexual Assault Advocacy

We are available to accompany victims at the hospital to answer questions regarding the medical examination and testing.

Legal Advocacy

Trained advocates can assist victims with the legal process whether criminal or civil. We can assist in completing the necessary paperwork when seeking a Domestic Violence Protection Order or Personal Safety Order related to sexual assault. We also provide victim advocacy for court proceedings.

24 Hour Crisis Hotline

We offer a free 24-hour Crisis Hotline.

Counseling

Whether it is immediately following the assault or years later, we are able to provide individual counseling to victims that have experienced or witnessed abuse.

Sexual violence is never the victim's fault. It doesn't matter where you were, the time of day, what you were wearing, or if you were drinking – sex without consent is rape. Most sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim. Rape is a crime of power and control.

Don't face it alone.

*I can be changed by what happens to me.
But I refuse to be reduced by it.*



*The Family Refuge Center
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Monroe and
Pocahontas Counties.*

*We provide supportive
services to victims
of sexual violence.*



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*Providing advocacy,
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