

What is sexual violence?

Sexual violence is generally defined as any type of sex act committed upon a person without that person's consent. Sexual violence includes a continuum of different types of acts and contexts, such as: Acquaintance Rape, Stranger Rape, Marital Rape, Statutory Rape, Child Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment.

Sexual Violence consists of a range of behaviors and acts including but not limited to: Unwanted or forced vaginal, oral, or anal penetration, Unwanted fondling, Exhibitionism, and Voyeurism

Common Responses to Sexual Violence:

There is no one typical response to sexual violence but many survivors experience a range of responses such as:

- Fear and anxiety
- Sadness and depression
- Intrusive memories of the assault
- Emotional numbing
- Difficulty concentrating
- Guilt and shame
- Anger
- Negative thoughts or beliefs
- Relationship difficulties
- Physical health problems

For more information or to speak with a victim advocate, please call SAVS at: (321) 617-7533
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