

Facts about Sexual Assault

- Every 2 minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
- Sexual assault is one of the most under reported crimes in America.
- About 60% of sexual assaults are not reported.
- 73% of sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.
- 28% of sexual assaults are committed by an intimate partner.
- Almost half of sexual assaults occur in the victim's home.
- 10% of sexual assault victims are male.
- 70% of sexual assaults experienced by American Indians are committed by persons of a different race.
- 1 in 3 Native American women experience sexual assault in their lifetime.
- 1 in 6 women experience sexual assault in their lifetime.
- 15% of sexual assault victims are under the age of 12.
- The average annual rate of sexual assault among Native American women is 3.5 times higher than for all races.
- Rape is the most frequently committed violent crime in America.
- 43% of sexual assaults happen between 6:00pm and 12:00am.
- Every 83 minutes someone in Minnesota is sexually assaulted.
- Historically, violence against Native Americans was rare because it was believed to be unnatural and a threat to harmony.

The White Earth Domestic Abuse Program Provides the Following Services:

- Crisis intervention
- Crisis counseling
- Transportation for medical & legal appointments related to the crime
- Empowerment sessions
- Community education
- Assistance with orders for protection/harassment restraining orders
- Safehousing
- Information and referrals
- Legal, personal, and systems advocacy
- Assistance in creating safety plans
- Assistance in applying for reparations claims
- Support during evidentiary exams

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877.830.DOVE (3683)

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What is Sexual Assault?

Any unwanted sexual contact or sexual attention committed by force, threats, bribes, manipulation, pressure, or violence.

Some feelings after a sexual assault

Fear: of retaliation by the perpetrator or family.

Anger: towards the perpetrator.

Guilt: feeling responsible for the assault; thinking you could've been able to do something.

Helplessness/Powerlessness: feeling you can't do anything to make things better or change what has happened.

Other common reactions to a sexual assault:

Difficulty sleeping or concentrating, night mares, flashbacks, self-blame, depression and anxiety.

Who pays for the Exam?

- The County where the sexual assault happened pays for the evidentiary exam even if you don't want to report the assault to police.
- The County does not pay for any other medical treatment received at the hospital.
- Your insurance can pay for other medical treatments and you can ask for restitution if you are reporting the assault to the police.

Who do I report a sexual assault to?

Police - Hospital - Advocate - Rape Crisis Line

If you are Sexually Assaulted

1. You may have evidence collected and report the crime to police.
2. You may have evidence collected and held while you decide whether or not you want to report the crime to police.
3. You may choose to have a physical exam only and may or may not report the crime to police.

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

877.739.3895 • 717.909.0715 (TTY)

www.nsvrc.org

RAINN

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network

800.656.HOPE • www.rainn.org



Sexual Assault Terminology

Consent is an agreement given equally by both partners, to engage in a specific sexual activity.

- Giving in is not the same as giving consent!
- You cannot consent to sex if you are:
Forced, threatened, coerced, unconscious, a minor, are incapacitated by drugs or alcohol, unable to communicate developmentally disabled, or chronically mentally ill.

Force: Minnesota statute defines force as the threat of bodily harm which causes the individual to reasonably believe that the threat could be carried out immediately, or the infliction of bodily harm, either of which cause the individual to submit to unwanted sexual behavior.

Coercion: Statute defines coercion as words or circumstances that cause a person to fear that the other will inflict bodily harm, or confine the person. It also means the use of physical size or strength which causes the person to submit to an unwanted sexual act.

Intimate Partner Sexual Assault: Sexual assault that occurs between two people who have or have had a consensual sexual relationship.

- This includes: Dating relationships, marriages, long-term gay and lesbian relationships.

Date/Acquaintance Rape: Unwanted, coerced and/or forced sex that happens between people who are known to each other well or only briefly. It could be a first date or someone you just recently met and have not dated.