

VANCOUVER INCEST AND SEXUAL ABUSE CENTRE (VISAC) 604-731-4951

This centre offers support and information to children and youth who have been sexually or physically abused, and to their non-offending family members. Also works with children and youth witnesses of crime and provides information and support to adult survivors of child sexual or physical abuse.

Services include information and explanation of the court system, court orientation, accompaniment to court and other interviews, case progress information, crisis intervention and ongoing emotional support, assistance in completing the Criminal Victim Assistance Program forms and victim impact statements, and referrals to other services.

RESIDENTIAL HISTORICAL ABUSE PROGRAM (RHAP) 604-875-4255

RHAP funds professional counselling for adults who were sexually abused as children while living in a provincially funded residence.

MOSAIC | MULTICULTURAL VICTIM SERVICES 236-512-7149

MOSAIC's Multicultural Victim Services provides emotional support, information about your rights, and referrals for those living in Vancouver and Burnaby. The program serves the specific needs of multicultural and immigrant peoples. Support is available in English and Vietnamese. MOSAIC Multicultural Victim Services can:

- Listen to your story
- Provide resources to deal with trauma
- Create action and safety plans
- Provide information on abuse and crime, legal, housing, healthcare, and mental health options
- Support and advocates for you when talking with police or lawyers
- Refer you to other community resources
- Assist with paperwork or a CVAP application

VANCOUVER RAPE RELIEF AND WOMEN'S SHELTER 604-872-8212 (24-HOUR CRISIS LINE)

Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter offer the following:

- Peer counselling
- Grouping and other women
- Advocacy with police
- Accompaniment to a sexual assault exam
- Housing for women and their children who are escaping violence

STAND INFORMED 604-673-3143

email: standinformed@clasbc.net

- Free legal advice service from the Community Legal Assistance Society for victims of sexual assault in B.C., including newcomers and foreign workers
- Up to three hours of free, confidential legal advice from a lawyer trained to help in a trauma-informed way
- Can connect victims with support services, such as community-based victim services and counselling

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES



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VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Beyond the Call

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual assault includes any form of sexual contact without a person's consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent.

Victims experience a range of emotions, including fear, self-blame, anger, shame, sadness, depression, confusion, numbness, grief, and denial. A sense of violation, powerlessness, and loss of trust may also be experienced.

Emotional distress can have a physical impact as well, resulting in symptoms such as gastrointestinal issues, headaches, and changes in sleeping and eating habits. Emotional support from others is important to the healing process.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

- The right to request information about the justice system and their case
- A right to have their security, privacy, and views considered
- Victim Services can assist victims with understanding and exercising their rights
- Victims will be given specific information about the process for accessing victim services in their jurisdiction
- To have information on how to register for the victim notification service

To register for the victim notification service, you can apply to the Victim Safety Unit (VSU) by submitting an application:

- Online: justice.gov.bc.ca/vsuwebforms/notification_application
- Mail: Mail, fax or email your completed PDF form to VSU
- Phone: 604-660-0316 (toll free: 1-877-315-8822)

VANCOUVER POLICE VICTIM SERVICES UNIT 604-717-2737

The Victim Services Unit will provide victims with emotional support to assist in lessening the effects of crime and trauma. Our Sex Assault Support Services Unit can assist with:

- Justice-related information
- Practical assistance and support when filling out forms and applications
- Witness orientation, including courtroom etiquette and procedures
- Appropriate referrals to counselling and other resources when needed

For more information, please visit:

vpd.ca/report-a-crime/information-for-victims/

VICTIMLINK 1-800-563-0808

VictimLinkBC provides information and referral services to all victims of crime, and immediate crisis support to victims of family and sexual violence, including victims of human trafficking exploited for labour or sexual services.

VictimLinkBC is a toll-free, confidential, multilingual service available across B.C. and the Yukon 24/7. Access by calling or texting 1-800-563-0808 or sending an email to VictimLinkBC@bc211.ca.

FAMILY SERVICES OF GREATER VANCOUVER VICTIM SERVICES 604-731-4951

Victim support workers offer trauma-informed support, safety planning, referral to resources, support navigating the criminal justice system, advocacy with various ministries, and community education about sexual assault, human trafficking, and intimate partner and gender-based violence. Victim services is accessible to anyone in need, whether or not they have reported the crime to police. There are no fees to access any of Family Services of Greater Vancouver Victim Services.

BC WOMEN'S HOSPITAL & HEALTH CENTRE SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE

If a sexual assault happened within the past seven days, a victim can go directly to Vancouver General Hospital's Emergency Department (open 24 hours) at 920 West 10th Avenue or to UBC Hospital Emergency Department Koerner Pavilion at 2211 Westbrook Mall (open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.). A team of examiners are on-call 24/7/365.

The following confidential services are provided:

- Assessment and treatment of injuries and sexually transmitted infections
- Drug and alcohol screening tests
- Information and legal options
- Forensic sample collection if the victim decides to involve police
- Medical report for police
- Referrals to health, legal, and community-based support services

SALAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT CENTRE

Salal's community-based victim services program supports women, trans, non-binary, Two-Spirit, and gender diverse people, navigating medical care and understanding systems of accountability after a sexual assault.

- 24-hour Gender-Based Violence Crisis and Information Line 604-255-6344 or 1-877-392-7583
- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Hospital accompaniment
- Counselling including Indigenous counselling and MMIWG2S family counselling
- Police and court accompaniment

BC SOCIETY FOR MALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE (BCSMSSA) 604-682-6482

BCSMSSA is a non-profit society established to provide therapeutic services for male-identifying persons who have been sexually abused at some point in their lives. Victim services workers assist survivors with non-clinical issues regarding sexual abuse. They are trained to provide justice system information, support, liaison with justice system personnel, and court accompaniment to male survivors who wish to explore avenues of justice.

CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 604-660-3888

Crime Victim Assistance Program assists victims, immediate family members, and some witnesses in coping with the effects of violent crime. It provides financial benefits to help offset financial losses and assist in recovery. Benefits include counselling. For sexual offences, the crime must have occurred after July 1, 1972.