

Sexual Violence

FACTS

Definition

Sexual violence refers to unwanted or coercive sexual behavior from sexual bullying to rape. The terms rape, sexual assault and sexual abuse are often used interchangeably and refer to coercive forced sexual contact.

Statistics

- 1 in 7 women in Illinois will be raped in her lifetime.
- 1 in 3 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 1 in 4 female students at college have been victims of rape or attempted rape.
- 11% of high school girls report being victims of forced sexual intercourse.
- 77% of rape victims were known to their attackers.

Remember

Sexual assault is never the victim's fault. Rape is always the fault of the offender. A person of any gender, race or age can be the victim of rape.

Help is Available

Rape crisis centers hotlines are available 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year. Centers provide counseling, medical advocacy and legal advocacy. All services are free and confidential. Visit www.icasa.org to locate the rape crisis center nearest you.

Source: By the Numbers: Sexual Violence Statistics

