

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ABUSED

IF THE ATTACK HAS JUST HAPPENED...

Get to a safe place. **REPORT
THE ATTACK TO A STAFF
MEMBER IMMEDIATELY!**

The longer you wait to report
the attack, the more difficult it is
to obtain the evidence
necessary for a criminal
investigation .

Request immediate medical
attention. You may have serious
injuries that you are not aware
of , and any sexual contact can
expose you to sexually
transmitted diseases.

Do not shower, brush your
teeth, use the restroom, or
change your clothes. You may
destroy evidence.

If you have been attacked or
witness an attack, but are
unwilling to report it to staff, or if
the perpetrator is a staff , then
you may call the DCS hotline at
1-800-800-5556 or the Columbus
Police Department at 812-376-
2600.

Silence of Victims

Victims feel shame and humiliation,
so they don't tell- **REPORT
PLEASE!**

Males feel it is just another physical
assault and don't seek emotional
help- **THIS IS CRIMINAL, SEEK
HELP!**

Males feel their sexual identity is in
question after such an act- **IT'S
NOT YOUR FAULT!**

Males can't be sexually abused/
assaulted- **NOT TRUE, IT CAN
HAPPEN TO ANYONE**

Some females feel abuse/assaults
are normal within relationships
because of being raised around
such acts-**NOT TRUE**

A victim of sexual abuse/assault
becomes sexually excited, does not
mean approval was given. These
are normal, involuntary actions-
TRUE

A victim of sexual abuse/assault can
be male or female-**TRUE**

A perpetrator of sexual abuse/
assault can be male or female-
TRUE

Sexual Awareness for Residents



**Bartholomew
County Youth
Services Center**

**2350 Illinois Ave
Columbus, Indiana 47201**

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual Assault as defined by Indiana law is “Any contact between the sex organ of one person and the sex organ, mouth or anus of another person, or any intrusion of any object into the sex organ, mouth or anus of another person, by the use of force or threat of force.” The person uses sex as a weapon to assault the body, the mind, psyche and spirit.

Sexual assault affects everyone, either directly or through the experience of those we care about. It is not only a female issue as it can affect persons of any gender, age, race, ethnic group, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or disability.

Indiana Division of Child Services Abuse
Hotline 1-800-800-5556

Columbus Police Department: 812-376-2600

RAPE AVOIDANCE

The only way a rape can be prevented is when a potential rapist chooses NOT to rape.

However, you may avoid an attack by keeping the following safety guidelines in mind:

Be aware of any situations that make you feel uncomfortable. Trust your instincts. If it feels wrong, LEAVE.

Don't let your manners get in the way of keeping yourself safe. Don't be afraid to say “NO” or “STOP IT NOW!”

Avoid talking about sex, and anything alluding to sex. These things may be considered a come on, or make another person believe that you have an interest in a sexual relationship.

Avoid secluded areas. Position yourself in plain view of staff. If you are being pressured for sex, report it.

FALSE REPORTS

False allegations against someone will result in consequences. It is against the law to make false allegations of a sexual nature and charges may be filed.

VIOLATOR OF SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT

All sexual assaults shall be reported to local law enforcement; the case shall be investigated thoroughly. Disciplinary actions shall be taken against you up to and including:

- Charged with a new criminal act
- A new sentence imposed
- Required to registered as a known sex offender.

