



**SEXUAL ASSAULT
CRISIS LINE**

Admin: (03) 8345 3021

Email: ahcasa@thewomens.org.au

Website: www.sacl.com.au

Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS): 131 450

National Relay Service:

133 677 (TTY/voice calls)

1300 555 727 (Speak & Listen)

Free call crisis line: 1800 806 292

During business hours this will divert to your nearest centre against sexual assault (CASA)

1800 806 292

Crisis counselling

Information

Crisis support and referral

(03) 8345 3494

Police/emergency personnel

Victim/survivor of recent sexual assault contact

WHO ARE WE?

The Victorian Sexual Assault Crisis Line (SACL) is a state-wide after-hours confidential telephone crisis service for victim/survivors of past and recent sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse.

SACL operates between 5pm and 9am weekdays and throughout weekends and public holidays.

OUR SERVICE

- Recognises and explores existing strengths and survival strategies.
- Emphasises that victim/survivors are the experts in their own lives.
- Supports victim/survivors to take control of their choices and decisions.
- Acknowledges that the crime of sexual assault is never the fault or responsibility of the victim/survivor.

WHO IS A VICTIM/SURVIVOR?

A victim/survivor is someone who has experienced, at any time in their life, any uninvited sexual behaviour which has made them feel fearful, humiliated or uncomfortable. Sexual assault can include a range of behaviours from unwanted touching, sexual harassment to rape with physical injury or threat to life.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The Sexual Assault Crisis Line provides:

- crisis counselling, support and advocacy to victim/survivors
- information about the impacts and myths of sexual assault and abuse
- information about legal rights
- referrals to appropriate services for ongoing support
- support to non-offending family/friends
- provides consultation and debriefing to other professionals.



If you have been sexually assaulted within the last two weeks, we can:

- coordinate an immediate face to face response with a counsellor/advocate from your nearest Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA). This will take place in a private and safe place, called a crisis care unit
- provide information about your legal and medical options.