

SOMETIMES YOU NEED HELP...

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someone to talk to.



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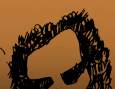


Sexual assault impacts many teens in and around the Columbus area.

If you are a teen who has been raped, sexually assaulted or had someone do something to your body that made you feel uncomfortable, there is help for you. If you need someone to talk to or your friend's been hurt, you can offer support by calling someone who can help both of you.



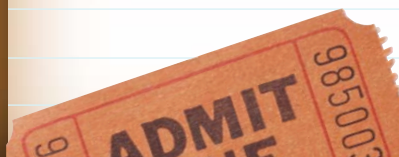
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The most important thing you can do if you've been sexually assaulted is to go to a safe place!

Huckleberry House Crisis Program can be accessed 24 hrs a day:

- By calling the crisis line @ (614)294-5553.
- Going to any Safe Place location (Krogers, White Castle or a fire station)
- Going directly to the Huckleberry House @ 1421 Hamlet St. in the Short North.
- Huckleberry House provides teens with emergency shelter and can also link you to other agencies that can help you deal with sexual assault issues.

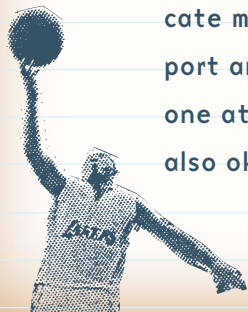




You can call the Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO) 24-hour Rape Helpline @ (614) 267-7020, or toll-free via RAINN at 1.800.656.4673.

- Trained volunteers are there to listen to you, go over your options and let you know what may happen, based on your choices.
- You will be given the information you need for your situation so you can make the best decision for YOU!
- If you have been sexually assaulted in the past 3 days, you can go to a hospital for medical care. An advocate might be there to provide support and information if you want one at most of the hospitals. It's also okay to bring a friend with you.

- Hospitals will treat you and are required by law to report to the police and Franklin County Children's Services about the sexual assault. You may want to ask about when and how your parent(s) or guardian would be notified.
- Sexual assault within 3 days: Physical evidence from the assault can be collected and this is paid for by the state. You need to ask about payment options for other medical care. A hospital social worker will help you with this.
- If you decide to tell the police, someone can be there with you when you are interviewed by the police if you choose.



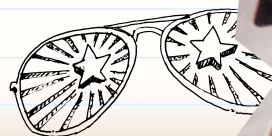


The Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO) is another agency here to help support you. You can contact BRAVO @ (614)294-7867.

- Staff work directly with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, discrimination and hate crimes.
- They can help you figure out your options and provide support in taking action.
- BRAVO can also help you make police reports if you choose to.
- You can share as little or as much information as you want to.
- If you are under the age of 18, these agencies are required to contact Children's Services if you share your name, age, or address.

- You do have the option not to share this information and your call will be completely confidential.
- You can request for free advocacy services for help with hospital care, police interviews, or court appearances.

This brochure gives you some of your options following a sexual assault. These agencies listed can help you find other places and people who can help.




What to Do

Get to a safe place.

Call 911 or tell someone you trust

Call the 24-hr Rape Helpline
@ 614-267-7020



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