

*Sexual violence is
never the victim's
fault. Never!*

*Sexual Assault
Service Center*

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What You Need to Know About Sexual Violence

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Accommodations
Available For Those
With
Disabilities

WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?*

- Being forced to listen to someone talk sexually to you.
- Being forced to look at or participate in sexual pictures or movies.
- Being forced to kiss someone.
- Being forced to look at or touch someone's private parts.
- Being touched in a sexual way when you don't want to be touched

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Illinois IMAGINES

A collaboration between Disability Service Agencies and their local rape crisis centers.

Illinois Imagines collaborations seek to assure that people with disabilities are guaranteed an environment free from sexual violence, where they are empowered to speak and act for themselves.

Of the most frequent crimes against people with disabilities, more than 90% are sexual offenses.

(Carmody, M., 1991)



YOUR RIGHTS*

- ♦ The right to make decisions about your sexuality and relationships.
- ♦ The right to receive education about sex, safe & healthy relationships, and reproductive health.
- ♦ The right to safety and freedom from sexual harassment, abuse, and assault.
- ♦ The right to receive supportive, trauma-focused, victim-centered care in the case of sexual violence.

SAFETY RULES*

SAY NO!

- ♦ Tell the person to stop what they are doing.
- ♦ Keep saying no!

GET AWAY!

- ♦ Try to leave.
- ♦ If you can't get away, it is okay to push, hit, kick, or yell.

TELL SOMEONE!

- ♦ Tell someone you trust.
- ♦ If they do not believe you, tell someone else.

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No one should touch you sexually unless you say YES.

Your family, your staff, and people you do not know should never touch you sexually.

The Sexual Assault Service Center is a place that helps victims of sexual violence. This help is free. Sexual Assault Service Center will protect your privacy and will not tell anyone

Among adults who have developmental disabilities, as many as 83% of the females and 32% of the males are the victims of sexual assault.

(Johnson, I., Sigler, R. 2000.)