

Sexual Violence Prevention Resources

CDC Resources

- [Choose Respect](#) 
Choose Respect is an initiative to help adolescents form healthy relationships to prevent dating abuse before it starts. This national effort is designed to motivate adolescents to challenge harmful beliefs about dating abuse and take steps to form respectful relationships.
- [Rape Prevention and Education Program](#)
The Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) grant program strengthens sexual violence prevention efforts by supporting increased awareness, education and training, and the operation of hotlines. The purpose of this program is to award formula grants to states and territories to be used for rape prevention and education programs conducted by rape crisis centers, state sexual assault coalitions, and other public and private nonprofit entities.

Other Federal Resources

- [U.S. Department of Justice The Office of Victims of Crime](#) 
The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established in 1984 to oversee diverse programs that help victims of crime. OVC provides substantial funding to state victim assistance and compensation programs-the lifeline services that help victims to heal. The agency supports training designed to educate criminal justice and allied professionals about the rights and needs of crime victims. OVC also sponsors an annual event in April to commemorate National Crime Victims Rights Week.
- [U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women](#) 
The Office on Violence Against Women works with victim advocates and law enforcement to develop grant programs that support a wide range of services, including advocacy, emergency shelter, law enforcement protection, and legal aid, for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Additionally, the Violence Against Women Office is leading efforts nationally and abroad to intervene in and prosecute crimes of trafficking in women and children and is addressing international domestic violence issues.

Additional Online Resources

- [American College Health Association Sexual Violence Toolkit](#)  [PDF 643KB] 
The American College Health Association developed the *Shifting the Paradigm: Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence* toolkit to provide facts, ideas, strategies, conversation starters, and resources to everyone on campus who cares about the prevention of sexual violence. While there is a rich volume of tools, knowledge, and resources for intervention after sexual violence, the emphasis of this toolkit is to encourage prevention activities that take place before sexual violence has occurred and which create social change and shift the norms regarding sexual violence.
- [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#) 
This website provides professional publications about violence against women, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, adolescent dating violence, and patient education materials in both English and Spanish.
- [Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking](#) 
The Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST), established in 1998, has been a pioneer in the anti-trafficking movement in the United States and works exclusively with trafficked persons. CAST is a multi-ethnic human rights organization whose mission is to assist persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor and slavery-like practices and to work toward ending all instances of such human rights violations.
- [Center for Sex Offender Management](#) 
The Center for Sex Offender Management's (CSOM) goal is to enhance public safety by preventing further victimization through improving the management of adult and juvenile sex offenders in the community.
- [Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly](#) 
The Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly (CANE) is the nation's largest archive of published research, training, government documents, and other sources on elder abuse. The CANE collection is fully computerized and contains nearly 5,000 holdings. You can also search its database to obtain references pertaining to the many facets of elder maltreatment.
- [Communities Against Violence Network](#) 
Communities Against Violence Network (CAVNET) provides an interactive, online database of information; an international network of professionals; and real-time voice conferencing with professionals and survivors, throughout the world, using the Internet. CAVNET addresses violence against women, youth violence, and crimes against people with disabilities.

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- [FaithTrust Institute](#)
Formerly known as The Center for the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence, FaithTrust Institute is an interreligious, educational resource that addresses sexual and domestic violence issues. Its goals are to engage religious leaders in ending abuse and to prepare human services professionals to recognize and address the religious questions and issues that arise in their work with women and children in crisis.
- [Family Violence Prevention Fund](#)
For more than two decades, the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF) has worked to end violence against women and children around the world. The FVPPF was instrumental in developing the landmark Violence Against Women Act passed by Congress in 1994. The FVPPF continues to reach new audiences, including men and youth; promote leadership within communities to ensure that violence prevention efforts become self-sustaining; and transform the way health-care providers, police officers, judges, employers, and others address violence.
- [Generation Five](#)
Generation Five is a nonprofit organization that brings together diverse community leaders working to end child sexual abuse within five generations. Its programs provide leadership training to community members, activists, and agency professionals and foster national strategy and information exchange about child sexual abuse.
- [Men Can Stop Rape](#)
Men Can Stop Rape empowers male youth and the institutions that serve them to work as allies with women to prevent rape and other forms of men's violence. Through awareness-to-action education and community organizing, the program promotes gender equity and focuses on building men's capacity to be strong without being violent.
- [Men Stopping Rape](#)
Men Stopping Rape (MSR) is one of the nation's oldest and most active community-based group of men working to end male violence against women and men. MSR directly involves participants in workshops and lectures in classes, fraternities, residence halls, sororities, high schools, prisons, and the workplace.
- [Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse](#)
The Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) is an electronic clearinghouse with educational resources about all types of violence, including higher education syllabi, published research, funding sources, upcoming training events, individuals or organizations that serve as resources, and searchable databases with more than 700 training manuals, videos, and other education resources. MINCAVA is also part of a cooperative project-Violence Against Women Online Resources-comprising the

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Center and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Violence Against Women Office. The project's website provides current information about interventions to stop violence against women to law, criminal justice, and social service professionals.

- [National Alliance to End Sexual Violence](#)
The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) utilizes a comprehensive grassroots communication network to shape national policy related to sexual violence and victims needs, ensure funding for rape crisis programs and sexual assault coalitions, and provide expertise to governments, businesses and non-profit organizations addressing sexual violence in all of its forms. NAESV advocates on behalf of the victim/survivors women, children and men who have needlessly suffered the serious trauma of sexual violence and envisions a world free from sexual violence.
- [National Center for Victims of Crime](#)
The National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) is a nonprofit organization that serves victims of all types of crime, including intimate partner violence. The Center provides public policy advocacy; training and technical assistance to victim service organizations, counselors, attorneys, criminal justice agencies, and allied professionals; a toll-free hotline for crime victims; and a virtual library containing publications, current statistics with references, a list of recommended readings, and bibliographies. National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence* The National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence develops and provides innovative training and consultation, influences policy, and promotes collaboration and diversity in working to end domestic and sexual violence. NCDSV has a staff of nationally known trainers and sponsors national and regional conferences.
- [National Center on Elder Abuse](#)
The National Center on Elder Abuse is dedicated to educating the public about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and its tragic consequences. The Center is an internationally recognized resource for policy leaders, practitioners, prevention specialists, researchers, advocates, families, and concerned citizens.
- [National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs](#)
The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) addresses the pervasive problem of violence committed against and within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and HIV-affected communities. NCAVP is a coalition of programs that document and advocate for victims of anti-LGBT and anti-HIV/AIDS violence/harassment, domestic violence, sexual assault, police misconduct and other forms of victimization.

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- [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#)
The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) identifies and disseminates information, resources, and research on all aspects of sexual violence prevention and intervention. The NSVRC website features links to related resources and information about conferences, funding, job announcements, and special events. Additional activities include coordinating national sexual assault awareness activities, identifying emerging policy issues and research needs, issuing a biannual newsletter, and recommending speakers and trainers.
- [Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership](#)
Prevention Connection, a project of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, features an online public Listserv and bi-monthly web-based forums. The Listserv and web forums provide prevention experts with a vehicle for analyzing and discussing ongoing efforts to prevent domestic and sexual violence.
- [Prevention Institute](#)
Prevention Institute is a non-profit national center dedicated to improving community health and well-being by building momentum for effective primary prevention. Since its founding in 1997, the organization has focused on injury and violence prevention, traffic safety, health disparities, nutrition and physical activity, and youth development.
- [Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network](#)
Hotline: 800-656-HOPE
The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. RAINN's national hotline works as a call-routing system. When an individual calls RAINN, a computer reads the area code and first three digits of the phone number and routes the call to the nearest member rape crisis center.
- [Speaking Out About Rape](#)
Speaking Out About Rape is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating society about the "truth" of rape, ensuring that victim's rights are protected, the medical and judicial systems are victim friendly, and that survivors find their voices to unlock the silence.
- [Stop Educator Sexual Abuse, Misconduct, and Exploitation](#)
Stop Educator Sexual Abuse, Misconduct, and Exploitation works to prevent sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment of students by teachers and other school staff.
- [STOP IT NOW!](#)
STOP IT NOW! is a national, public health-based organization working to prevent and ultimately eradicate child sexual abuse. Through public education, policy advocacy, and

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research and evaluation, STOP IT NOW! urges abusers and potential abusers to stop their behavior and seek help.

- [The Stalking Resource Center](#)
The Stalking Resource Center is a project of the National Center for Victims of Crime, funded through the Violence Against Women Office (VAWO), U.S. Department of Justice. The Stalking Resource Center has established a clearinghouse of information and resources to inform and support local, multidisciplinary stalking response programs nationwide; developed a national peer-to-peer exchange program to provide targeted, on-site problem-solving assistance to VAWO arrest grantee jurisdictions; and organized a nationwide network of local practitioners who represent VAWO grantee jurisdictions to support their multidisciplinary approaches to stalking.
- [Violence Against Women Electronic Network](#)
The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (VAWnet) provides a collection of full-text, searchable resources on domestic violence, sexual violence, and related issues as well as links to an "In the News" section, calendars listing trainings, conferences, grants, and access to the Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month subsites.
- [Workplaces Respond to Domestic and Sexual Violence: A National Resource Center](#)
The Workplaces Respond to Domestic and Sexual Violence: A National Resource Center project offers information on the Internet for the benefit of those interested in providing effective workplace responses to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence and stalking.
- [World Health Organization/World Report on Violence and Health](#)  [PDF 247 KB] 
This report, produced by the World Health Organization, is written mainly for researchers and practitioners. Its goals are to raise global awareness about the problems of violence and show that violence is preventable. The report includes a chapter specifically on sexual violence (Chapter 6).