



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE – FACT SHEET

You may know somebody who knows somebody who needs this information. SACBW prides itself on ACCESS to info that leads to every form of Empowerment, in this case Emotional, Psychological & Economic Empowerment.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE includes:

1. Any form of abuse which includes physical, sexual, verbal, emotional & psychological, economic abuse & harassment.
2. Damage to Property and Entry into property without consent.
3. Any other abusive or controlling behaviour where such a conduct causes harm or may cause harm to your health, safety or well-being".
(Domestic Violence Act, Act 116 of 1998)

Every Victim has the right to report this Abuse, but cannot be forced to do so against their will:
A few practical tips to have at your fingertips.

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1. Locate Police Station nearest to where the crime was committed & report. If this isn't not possible, go to any Police Station and state that you want to report. Every Police Station is obligated to take a statement and cannot refuse to assist you, even if it's outside their area of jurisdiction. This is referred to as a "skeleton statement".
2. Photograph injuries or any form of harm as soon as possible for evidence. Secretly record verbal abuse.
3. Do not bathe or wash clothes for evidence, not domestic violence nor rape.
4. In the case of Rape, opening a case docket is a pre-requisite to access to the Rape Kit, which is still only available at Police Stations or the assigned District Surgeon's Rooms. This is crucial, without which there is no chance at all of conviction.
5. In the case of Domestic Violence or harassment, apply where possible for an immediate protection order (refer to doc, END GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN SACBW GBV TOOLKIT for Steps 1 – 3
6. Refer to same document for Sexual Crimes & Sexual offence.

Useful Numbers for referral:

GBV HOTLINE tollfree: 0800 428 428

Lifeline SA tollfree: 0800 150 150

PLS CALL ME Facility: *120*7867#

SA Women's Shelter Association: 24 hr Service tollfree: 0800 001 005

Rape Crisis 24 hr Service: 021 4479762

CHILDLINE: tollfree: 080 005 5555



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