



If you believe that you or someone else with a disability has experienced sexual violence or assault, tell someone you trust.

If you are not comfortable telling someone you know, it can be easier to talk with someone you don't know.

You can call one of the numbers provided on the back of this brochure to talk with someone who is specifically trained to help.

RESOURCES:

Able South Carolina

Columbia and Greenville Office

Phone: (803) 779-5121

Toll-free: (800) 681-6805

TTY:(803) 779-0949

Pathways to Healing

24-hour Crisis Line (803) 771-7273

Toll Free Line 1-800-491-7273

Administrative (803) 790-8208

YWCA of the Upper Lowlands Main

Office (803) 773-7158

Hotline (877) 268-9922

ADDITIONAL CRISIS HOTLINES:

Columbia Area Mental Health Hotline
(803) 898 8888

Helpline of the Midlands (Suicide
Prevention)
(803) 790 4357

National STI and AIDS Hotline
1 800 227 8922

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1
800 799 7233

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline
1 866 331 9474



CONNECT TO SAFETY

ENDING VIOLENCE AND
ABUSE FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES

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DID YOU KNOW?

People with disabilities are **14.2%** of the population, but are **twice as likely to be a victim of a violent crime**.

Women who have experienced intimate partner violence are **more than twice as likely** to **also** report a disability.

14% of men with disabilities reported experiencing sexual violence at some point in their lifetime, compared to **4%** of men without disabilities.

49% of people with developmental disabilities were assaulted **10 or more times**.

20% of adults who are Deaf have experienced physical abuse by an intimate partner. **15%** have experienced forced sex in an intimate partner relationship.

Data from the Vera Center on Victimization and Safety



WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

Sexual violence is violence that involves sex, a person's body, or gender.

Sexual violence is **three times as likely** to happen to people with disabilities. Sexual violence against people with disabilities is against the law.

Some examples of sexual violence against individuals with disabilities include rape, molestation, assault, sexual harassment, and stalking.

Sexual violence impacts a person with a disability's body, emotions, and life. If someone touches or does things to an individual's body or says things about a person's body in a way that doesn't feel right or makes them feel uncomfortable, that may be sexual violence.

DO INDIVIDUALS FEEL SAFE?

People with disabilities are usually abused or assaulted by individuals they know:

- Family members and friends
- Relationship partner
- Caregiver/personal assistants
- Group home, institutional, or healthcare providers
- Transportation drivers

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RESEARCH SHOWS:



Most people are abused or assaulted by **someone they know**.

Fewer than

40% of sexual assault cases are reported.

THE COMMUNITY CARES:

Many people and community groups care about you and come together to provide services and support to people with disabilities impacted by violence, abuse, and assault.

If you or someone you know has a disability and needs help, please contact Able South Carolina.

We can help individuals find resources, connect with support organizations, and create safety plans to safeguard independence and consumer control. In addition, we also can help with reasonable accommodations or supports to access community services.

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