



We provide a free and confidential service for anyone affected by sexual violence.

We provide support, information, advocacy, counselling and education.

If you have experienced sexual assault or sexual abuse at any time in your life you are not to blame.

What is sexual violence?

Sexual violence is a term used to describe a range of violating and unwanted behaviours of a sexual nature directed towards a person.

Sexual violence includes:

- sexual harassment and intimidation
- unwanted touching
- secret filming
- unauthorised distribution of images
- drink spiking
- coerced sexual activity
- incest
- sexual abuse
- sexual assault
- intimate partner sexual violence (regardless of gender preference or marital status)
- rape.

When is a sexual act considered sexual violence?

A sexual act may be considered sexual violence if:

- you have not agreed or consented to it
- you agreed only because of intimidation or coercion
- you were unable to agree because you were asleep, intoxicated or for any other reason unable to consent
- an adult has sexual contact with a child.

Who we support

Cairns Sexual Assault Service (CSAS) is an inclusive service supporting all people impacted by sexual violence (recent or historic) regardless of age, gender, sexual preference, ethnicity, religion, personal values or cultural background.

Our sister service, True Child & Family Service, supports children and young people who have experienced sexual assault or child sexual abuse or who engage in sexually reactive behaviours.

If you have specific service access requirements, such as a translator, interpreter or disability access, please let us know.

Receiving support

Individual responses to sexual violence vary.

Everyone is different, and so is the type of support each person needs.

Sessions are client driven and do not necessarily require the sharing of intimate details.

An experience of sexual violence may impact several areas of a person's life. CSAS provides an opportunity to explore these areas in a safe, non-judgmental and confidential environment.

Sessions may be one-off to address a particular concern or ongoing to meet your needs.

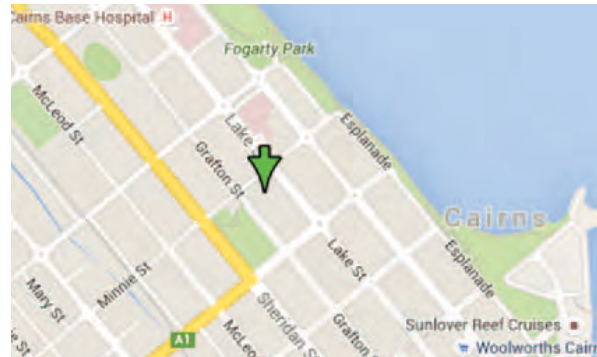


Our services

- Information and support for victims/survivors of sexual violence and their non-offending partners, family members, carers, friends or support people
- Face-to-face and telephone counselling
- Referral and advocacy throughout police and legal processes
- In-service, secondary consultation and resources for professionals working with anyone who has experienced sexual assault or sexual abuse
- 24-hour crisis support for anyone presenting at the Cairns Hospital Emergency Department or the police after a recent sexual assault
- On-site clinical care, including STI checks, pregnancy testing and emergency contraception
- Community education

Cairns Sexual Assault Service (CSAS)

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Other contacts

Sexual Assault Helpline www.dvconnect.org	1800 010 120
1800 RESPECT www.1800respect.org.au	1800 737 732
Lifeline	13 11 14

