

# What is CCASA?

## Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse

**(CCASA)** is the primary sexual harassment, sexual abuse and sexual assault crisis, counselling and education service provider for Calgary and the surrounding areas. Our services are available to everyone including people of all colour, race, ability, sexual orientation, religion, education, socio-economic status, or gender.

## Our Vision

Healthy communities free of sexual violence, including sexual abuse, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

## Our Mission

To lead in the provision of specialized sexual violence services and educate communities to shift attitudes and responses to sexual violence.

CCASA offers free and confidential services, including:

- Counselling (Individual and Group)
- CCASA Support and Information Line
- Sexual Assault Response Team (24-Hour Hospital Accompaniment)
- Public Education and Training
- Police and Court Support (PACES)

Arrangements for interpreters available upon request.

**CCASA Support & Information Line**  
9am-9pm – 7 days a week  
403-237-5888

**Alberta's One Line for Sexual Violence**  
(Phone/Text) 1-866-403-8000  
TTY Line 403-508-7888  
Chat [www.calgarycasa.com](http://www.calgarycasa.com)

9am-9pm – 7 days a week

### For more information on our programs and services:

Email | [info@calgarycasa.com](mailto:info@calgarycasa.com)  
Business | 403-237-6905

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### Thank you to our funders:



**POLICE AND COURT SUPPORT**



# P Police and Court Support

**The Police and Court Support Team** supports and advocates for people who have experienced sexual violence as they navigate the criminal justice system, or as they consider doing so. We provide specialized information, education, and support to people who have experienced sexual assault recently or in the past, as well as their families.

The criminal justice system can be an overwhelming experience due to the processes and language used in the legal system that many individuals may not be familiar with. If you are thinking about reporting or have reported a sexual assault to police, CCASA can provide support and information to help you, including:

- Answering questions and providing information about your options for reporting, the criminal justice system, and its processes
- Accompanying you to the police, the crown prosecutor office and court
- Emotional support throughout the process and afterwards
- Making appropriate referrals

## CCASA Believes:

You have the right to information, education, resources, emotional support, and advocacy when you are involved with the criminal justice process.

You should have the opportunity to discuss your concerns about reporting to the police and/or court before you enter the legal system.

You are entitled to support whether you choose to report to the police or not. CCASA can support you through this process if you do not wish to go through it alone.

## COMMON QUESTIONS

- What are my rights?
- What are my options?
- How do I report to the police and what will they do?
- Will I have to go to court?
- What happens in court?
- Will I have to "tell my story"?



## FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM:

- **Forty-five percent of adult Albertans have experienced some type of sexual abuse in their lifetime.**  
(AASAS Prevalence Report, 2019)
- **Not everyone chooses to report to the police less than 10% of people who are sexually assaulted report the assault to the police.**  
(Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministries Responsible for the Status of Women, 2002, *Assessing Violence Against Women: A Statistical Profile*)
- **61% of all survivors of sexual violence reported to the police were children and youth under 18 years of age.**  
(Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2003)
- **In cases reported to police, 80% of people who experience sexual abuse and sexual assault knew the offender.**  
(Statistics Canada, 2003)
- **False accusations of sexual violence are very rare and happen no more often than false reports of other types of crime. 96 to 98% of sexual violence reports are investigated to be factual.**  
(University of Alberta - Sexual Assault and the Law in Canada)