

Sexual Violence:

Definitions

Sexual assault: unwanted sexual contact that stops short of rape or attempted rape. This includes sexual touching and fondling. (But, be aware: Some states use this term interchangeably with rape.)

Rape: forced sexual intercourse, including vaginal, anal, or oral penetration. Penetration may be by a body part or an object.

Statutory rape: consensual sexual relations that occur when one participant is below the age required to legally consent to the behavior. It usually refers to adults engaging in sex with minors under the age of consent, the age at which individuals are considered competent to give consent to sexual conduct

First Degree Rape (NC): sexual intercourse with a victim under age 13 when the actor is at least age 12 and at least four years older.

Acquaintance assault or rape (“date rape”): involves coercive sexual activities that occur against a person's will by means of force, violence, duress, or fear of bodily injury. These sexual activities are imposed upon them by someone they know (a friend, date, acquaintance, etc.).

Drug facilitated assault: when drugs or alcohol are used to compromise an individual's ability to consent to sexual activity. In addition, drugs and alcohol are often used in order to minimize the resistance and memory of the victim of a sexual assault.

Incest: the sexual contact between persons who are so closely related that their marriage is illegal (e.g., parents and children, uncles/aunts and nieces/nephews, etc.). This usually takes the form of an older family member sexually abusing a child or adolescent.

Partner (Spousal) Rape: sexual acts committed without a person's consent and/or against a person's will when the perpetrator is the individual's current partner (married or not), previous partner, or co-habitator.

Family Violence & Rape Crisis Services

919-542-5445

24-hour Crisis Line: 919-545-0224

Walk-in hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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