

Contact and Support Information

Avalon Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

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902-425-0122

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Avalon Sexual Assault Centre

902-422-4240

South House Sexual and Gender

Resource Centre

902-494-2432

Mental Health Mobile Crisis Unit

902-429-8167

Victim's Services Emotional Support

HRPD

902-490-5300

Halifax Sexual Health Centre

902-455-9656

Immigrant Services Association of Nova

Scotia (ISANS)

902-423-3607

Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre

902-420-1576



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Queer and Trans Experiences of Sexualized Violence



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Queer and Trans Sexual Assault

Queer and trans sexual assault/abuse is real and happens at disproportionate rates compared to non-LGBTQIAP2S+ individuals. However, queer and trans people are significantly less likely to seek medical, social, or legal support after experiencing sexual assault/abuse.

Sexualized violence is not limited to penetrative acts. Kissing, groping, touching, oral stimulation, genital contact, inappropriate sexual comments, etc. are all acts of sexualized violence if done without ongoing consent.

You don't need to be straight or cisgender to have been sexually assaulted. Likewise, you do not need to be straight or cisgender to access medical, emotional, or legal services. You deserve to have your voice heard and to get the support you need to heal.

If someone commits a sexual act on you without your consent, or forces you to do a sexual act, regardless of their gender/sexual orientation or yours, that is sexual assault. Your experiences are real and you deserve to get the support you need. Sexual assault of queer and trans people happens, and if it has happened to you it is not your fault.

Queer and Trans Violence at a Glance

- Queer men are more than **50%** more likely to experience sexual assault in their lifetime than their heterosexual counterparts.
- Queer women are almost **20%** more likely to experience sexual assault than their heterosexual counterparts.
- **64%** of trans people will experience sexual assault, with **20%** of trans survivors identifying being targeted specifically for being trans.

Queer and Trans Barriers to Justice, Medical Help, and Emotional Support

Queer and trans people face specific barriers to accessing emotional support services, medical help, and accessing the justice system. Some of these barriers include:

- Homophobia/transphobia and/or fear of homophobia/transphobia
- Feeling unsafe to come out/ feeling that they will be outed during the process
- Threats of being outed by the perpetrator
- Stigma and lack of understanding surrounding queer experiences of sexualized violence
- Fear of being alienated by LGBTQIAP2S+ community/community believing the perpetrator
- Misgendering or fear of misgendering