

SUPPORT

If you have been sexually abused or assaulted the NORTH COAST RAPE CRISIS TEAM is here to listen, believe and offer support.

If you know a man who has been sexually abused or assaulted, you can

- * Listen
- * Believe
- * Respect his choices
- * Offer resources
- * Know that it is NOT HIS FAULT!

If you or someone you know has experienced sexualized violence, our 24-hour hotline is available at:

707-445-2881

collect calls welcome

Resources

North Coast Rape Crisis Team - HUMBOLDT
 24-hr Hotline 707-445-2881
 TTY (Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5) 707-443-2738
 Business line 707-443-2737

North Coast Rape Crisis Team - DEL NORTE
 24-hr Hotline 707-465-2851
 TTY (Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5) 707-465-2031
 Business line 707-465-6961

Youth Service Bureau Hotline 707-444-2273
 Raven Project 707-443-7099
 Planned Parenthood 707-442-5709
 Humboldt County Human Rights Commission 707-268-2548



MEN DESERVE SUPPORT and TO BE BELIEVED!

Together we can work to END VIOLENCE

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SEXUAL ABUSE...



when it happens to men

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Facts & Stats

- * 1 in 6 male children will experience sexualized violence before age 18.
- * An estimated 92,700 men are forcibly raped each year in the U.S.
- * Approximately 8% of reported rapes involve male victims.
- * While some perpetrators are women, most sexual assaults of men are committed by other men.
- * People sometimes confuse male-on-male assault with issues of orientation. In fact, men who sexually assault other men nearly always identify as "straight."
- * Same-gender and other-gender partner violence happens at similar rates.

If it happened to you,
it is **NOT YOUR FAULT!**

FEELINGS

Though men and boys are often told they do not or should not have feelings, of course every human being does! After an abuse or assault experience he may feel:

BETRAYED ASHAMED SAD
CONFUSED



SUICIDAL
RESPONSIBLE ANGRY
NUMB
GLAD TO BE ALIVE
SILENCED

...**.YOU GET TO HAVE THEM!**

Barriers

Many societal attitudes make it difficult for boys or men to name what has happened to them. Some of these MISCONCEPTIONS are:

- * Men always want sex
- * A woman could not force sex on a man
- * Men who have been assaulted by another man must be gay
- * Sexual orientation is determined by an assault experience
- * Only a weak man can be raped

All of these statements and others like them are **FALSE!**