



Barwon CASA
Counselling Services



Barwon

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**24 Hour Sexual
Assault Crisis Line**

1800 806 292

**24 Hour Women's Domestic
Violence Crisis Line**

1800 015 188

After Hours
Crisis Care Service



Barwon CASA acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

Sexual assault is never acceptable in any community or culture.

What is sexual assault?

Sexual assault is any sexual activity that you have not consented to, and can refer to a broad range of sexual behaviours that make you feel uncomfortable, frightened or threatened. Sexual assault includes rape, incest, indecent assault and child sexual assault.

Who are the victims?

Sexual assault is a serious crime that can occur to anyone. Statistics show that the majority of sexual assault victims are women. In many cases the person will know the offender, and a significant percentage of assaults occur in the victim's home.

What is the aim of the crisis care after hours service?

To provide immediate support and coordination of a crisis care response to recent victims of sexual assault within the last 14 days. This involves an immediate face to face response with a Counsellor Advocate during weeknights, weekends and public holidays. Crisis Care is also provided during business hours

Sexual assault is never the responsibility of the person assaulted.

What services are provided?

- Personal support
- Crisis intervention
- Risk assessment
- Counselling
- Medical and legal information
- Liaison, consultation and advocacy with police, forensic medical services and other professionals

Who can access our after hours crisis care service?

Anyone who has experienced a recent sexual assault and their non-offending family and friends.

Non-offending parents and carers of children who have recently disclosed sexual assault.

You can access our after hours crisis care service by:

- Calling the Statewide Sexual Assault Crisis Line: 1800 806 292
- Going to the Hospital Emergency Department
- Dialing 000 and ask to speak to the police
- Going to the nearest police station

What to expect when you contact our crisis care service after hours:

- 1 The statewide telephone counselling service will ask a few questions to assist in putting you in touch with one of our local counsellors.
- 2 Our specialist crisis counsellor will provide individual support and medical and legal information to assist you to make choices and decisions.
- 3 Our counsellor can liaise, consult and advocate on your behalf with the police and doctors. The counsellor will also support your family and friends and offer counselling at Barwon CASA the next business day.
- 4 The counsellor can arrange for you to talk to specialist sexual assault police and forensic medical personnel if you would like further information and support.

You have the right to:

- Be heard and acknowledged
- Be treated with dignity
- Respect, confidentiality and privacy
- Appropriate information in the language of your choice
- Make your own choices and have them respected



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