



Barwon CASA
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What is the Sexual Assault Crisis Line?

2014

The Sexual Assault Crisis Line (SACL) is a state wide, confidential, after hours telephone crisis service staffed by trained and experienced sexual assault counsellors. SACL counsellors respond to calls from people who have been sexually assaulted either recently or in the past. If you have experienced sexual assault within the past two weeks and would like to talk to a Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA) counsellor, SACL will arrange for a counsellor to meet you at the nearest Crisis Care Unit (CCU). The SACL counsellor will also arrange for you to talk to police if you would like information regarding reporting a recent rape or sexual assault.

When you Call SACL:

When you call the SACL telephone number, you may hear a recorded message asking you to hold the line. You may then hear a second recorded message asking you again to please hold the line. If a SACL counsellor has not been free to answer your call, you will then hear a recorded message asking you to please call back. When your call is answered the SACL counsellor will give you information about immediate crisis support options, including meeting a CASA counsellor at the CCU and speaking to a police Sexual Offences & Child Abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT) officer.

If you have been sexually assaulted within the last 2 weeks:

SACL will coordinate an immediate face to face response with a CASA Counsellor in the Crisis Care Unit of the Hospital.

SACL will provide information about your legal and medical options

The SACL counsellor will respect and support your right to make your own decisions.

The SACL counsellor will ask you about your safety and well being and will assist you with any other immediate concerns you may have.

You are able to meet with a CASA counsellor without speaking to police.

You are also able to speak to a police SOCIT officer without meeting with a CASA counsellor.

**Free call Sexual Assault Crisis Line:
1800 806 292**

**SACL operates 5.00pm–9.00am Monday-Friday
& 24x7 weekends and public holidays**

**During Business Hours Your Call Will Divert to Your
Nearest CASA**

Barwon CASA

Barwon: (03) 5222 4310 Wimmera: (03) 5381 1211
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