

# **DAY OF ACTION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**LAST THURSDAY OF AUGUST**

**YOUR CENTRE NAME**

**Address**

**Phone No**

**SUPPORTS**

## **DAY OF ACTION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**A day to commemorate both victims and survivors of  
sexual assault**

**and all those who have worked with and for survivors**

### **DATE**

**Every day women and children are being sexually assaulted.** Every day women and children have to survive the fear, the shame and the isolation that sexual assault causes. Sexual assault happens in all countries, cities and neighbourhoods. Survivors and workers for survivors need funding for preventative programs, information for communities, and services. Your support for today and other events that acknowledge that sexual assault happens, as well as remembering victims and survivors, will help.

A survey carried out across Australia in 1997 showed that one in five women had been sexually assaulted as children.

Only one in ten assaults was reported to any authority.

Australia-wide, 59,122 cases of child sexual assault were reported in 1992/93.

The average age of child sexual assault victims is seven years old.

Less than 1% of perpetrators are ever convicted of the abuse that is reported.

**If you would like to talk to someone about a sexual assault, contact:**

➤ **Adults:**

NSW Rape Crisis Centre  
& Online Help

1800 424 017  
[www.nswrapecrisis.com.au](http://www.nswrapecrisis.com.au)

Dympna House Child Sexual Assault Counselling & Resource Centre (for adult women survivors of child sexual assault) (02) 9797 6733  
1800 654 199  
(Rural Callers)

Or to find your local Women's Health Centre, call: (02) 9560 0866

➤ **Children:**

Ring your local hospital and ask for the nearest Child Protection Unit

➤ **Rape in War:**

STARTTS – Service for the Treatment & Rehabilitation of Trauma & Torture Survivors (02) 9646 6666

**To report a sexual assault, please contact:**

➤ **Adults:**

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Or call your local police station and ask to speak to the Sexual Assault Liaison Officer

➤ **Children:**

Department of Community Services Helpline

13 21 11 (24 hrs)  
TTY 02 9633 7698

Department of Community Services Reporting Line  
For Mandatory Reporters

13 36 27 (24 hrs)