CONTACT
Rape Crisis Center
Contact Rape Crisis Center is a non-profit organization that provides education, advocacy and programming for those who are victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and stalking, past or present.

If you are a victim of sexual assault/abuse and/or stalking, please call our 24-hour hotline at:
304-399-1111
or toll-free at
1-866-399-RAPE (7273)

- We operate a 24-hour hotline number, which allows victims, friends, and family members to contact us whenever their time of need.
- We provide support at the hospital during the medical exam, as well as during police questioning and court appearances.
- We offer long-term individual support to primary and secondary victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and stalking.

All of our services are confidential and free.

In addition to helping sexual assault/abuse and stalking survivors, we conduct sexual assault prevention/education presentations. For more information, please call our business office at 304-523-3447.

A rapist can be anyone!

What is Rape?
Rape is the act of forced intercourse, which includes vaginal, anal, and digital penetration without your consent. In West Virginia, this includes a person who is less than 16 years old, mentally challenged, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or unconscious.

Who Are the Victims of Rape?
Both males and females can be raped. It happens to people of any age, race, sex, and socioeconomic group. One in every four females and one in every seven males are victims of rape. Beware that everyone is a potential victim of rape.

What is Stalking?
Stalking is a series of actions directed at one specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. Acts of stalking include physically following someone, leaving unwanted gifts, vandalism of property, assault, cyber crimes, and more. If you are being stalked, CONTACT can provide you with a free Stalking Resource Kit that will help protect you from harm as well as help prepare a case for law enforcement.

What to do if YOU are sexually assaulted:

1. Call the police immediately.
   You will not be forced to press charges or proceed with any legal action.

2. Do Not: Wash, smoke, eat, douche, go to the bathroom, or change clothes until medical attention is received.

3. Go to a hospital as soon as possible for medical treatment of injuries, possible transmission of STD’s, pregnancy, and evidence collection.

4. Get support — tell a friend or relative who you can trust.

5. Call CONTACT’s hotline at
   304-399-1111 or toll-free at
   1-866-399-RAPE (7273).

We always need volunteers
Volunteers are essential to the continued operation of services to our clients. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call the office at 304-523-3447.
If you are a victim of STALKING and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE call 1-800-799-SAFE

or

Branches
Domestic Violence Shelter
Huntington — 1-888-539-9338
Family Crisis Center
Keyser — 1-800-698-1240
Family Crisis Intervention Center
Parkersburg — 1-800-794-2335
Family Refuge Center
Lewisburg — 1-866-645-6334
HOPE, Inc.
Fairmont — 304-367-1100
Lighthouse
Weirton — 304-797-7233
Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center
Morgantown — 304-292-5100

S.A.F.E.
Welch — 304-436-8117
Shenandoah Women’s Center
Martinsburg — 304-263-8292
Tug Valley Recovery Center
Williamson — 304-235-6121
Women’s Aid in Crisis
Elkins — 1-800-339-1185
Women’s Resource Center
Beckley — 304-255-2559

YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program
Wheeling — 304-232-2748
YWCA Resolve
Charleston — 1-800-681-8653

If you are a victim of STALKING and/or SEXUAL ASSAULT call 1-800-656-HOPE

or

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REACH
The Counseling Connection
Charleston — 304-340-3676
Sexual Assault Help Center
Wheeling — 1-800-884-7242
Shenandoah Women’s Center
Martinsburg — 304-263-8292
Women’s Aid in Crisis
Elkins — 1-800-339-1185
Women’s Resource Center
Beckley — 304-255-2559

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**West Virginia Stalking Law**

WV Code §61-2-9a has two sections:

**Stalking**: when a person repeatedly (two or more times) follows another knowing that the conduct causes the person followed to reasonably fear for his or her safety or suffer significant emotional distress.

**Harassment**: when a person repeatedly harasses or repeatedly makes credible threats against another person. Harassment, which must happen two or more times, is defined as willful conduct directed at a specific person or persons which would cause a reasonable person mental injury or emotional distress.

Credible threat means a threat of bodily injury made with the apparent ability to carry out the threat and with the result that a reasonable person would believe that the threat could be carried out.

The **Federal Stalking Law 18 U.S.C. §2261A** makes it a federal crime, punishable from five years to life in prison, to travel across state, tribal or international lines to stalk another person.

This federal law prohibits the use of regular mail, interactive computers or electronic communication services/systems to harass or intimidate another person. It also makes it a federal crime to stalk someone within designated areas, including national parks and military bases.

For more information on the laws and stalking, visit www.fris.org.