

Legal Advice



The Independent Legal Advice for Survivors of Sexual Violence (ILA) project is a trauma-informed, healing-centered service that provides short-term legal advice to survivors of sexual violence. ILA works to advance the dignity and worth of all survivors by believing and empowering them through supports and legal services.

Survivors can access up to four hours of free legal advice through the program, as well as legal clinics. ILA lawyers have been trained in trauma-informed practice, intersectional and gender-based approaches, and Indigenous historical trauma.

ILA runs out of Edmonton, Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Stony Plain, Ponoka, Morinville, Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Fort Saskatchewan, and Red Deer.

Who it's for: ILA is open to adults (18+) of any gender who live in Alberta and have experienced sexual violence in Alberta.

Fees: none

Contact: 780.784.2213
legal_advice@efryedmonton.ab.ca
www.efryedmonton.ab.ca

Victim Services

Victim is the term used in the criminal justice system to refer to anyone who has had a crime committed against them.

The role of police and RCMP is to be impartial, so it can be helpful to have a support person, advocate, and/or legal advisor who will be on your side, in addition to the Victim Services listed below.

Victim Services units can support you with court orientation and information about the status of the investigation, court case, and outcomes.

Victim Services units are made up of mostly volunteers who provide support to Victims of Crime in partnership with municipal police services, the RCMP or Indigenous police services.

Edmonton Contact: 780.421.2217
vsu@edmontonpolice.ca

For more information and additional locations, visit:
alberta.ca/help-for-victims-of-crime.aspx

Federal Victim Services

If an offender is sentenced to two or more years in custody, you can register through the Federal Victim Services Unit to receive ongoing information about the offender from the Correctional Service of Canada and Parole Board of Canada.

Contact 1.866.806.2275
victims-victim@cscc-scc.gc.ca

Community Justice Supports

A Guide to Edmonton Area Community-Based Police & Court Support Services for People Who Have Experienced Sexual Violence

For help with figuring out what services might be best for you, or for support and information about anything that may come up for people who have experienced sexual violence, and their supporters:

SACE 24-Hour Support & Info Line
780.423.4121

Alberta ONE LINE Chat (9am - 9pm)
sace.ca

Alberta ONE LINE Text, Long Distance & Interpreter Assisted Line
(9am - 9pm) **1.866.403.8000**

No matter how long ago it may have been, navigating the justice system around experiences of sexual violence can be difficult and triggering. The services in this guide are here to help you feel more empowered and supported throughout this process and after.

We're here, no matter where you are in your healing journey

Healing is an individual process, and there is no perfect way or ideal timeline for someone to consider a criminal justice response. Whether reporting is something you choose to do or not, supports are available.

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Support & Advocacy



SACE supports people who have experienced sexual violence, and educates communities to foster prevention. Our specialized, trauma-informed services are built on the belief that people are the experts in their own experiences, and that healing is possible.

The SACE Police and Court Support Program provides information about reporting and the court process, assistance with filling out Victims of Crime forms, advocacy, accompaniment to court proceedings, and emotional support. Your Advocate will ensure that you have the information you need, and help you feel more empowered. If a client chooses, our court support advocates and counsellors can coordinate to provide seamless services.

Who it's for: Police and court support is available to people ages 16+ of all genders, sexualities, races, cultures, and abilities (counselling for ages 3+)

Fees: none

Contact: 780.423.4102
courtsupport@sace.ca
www.sace.ca



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTRE

UASAC operates from a feminist, anti-oppressive, intersectional, trauma-informed, person-centred framework. We empower the campus community to challenge sexual violence through peer education, community-driven awareness initiatives, and person-centred support.

Support services include drop-in, telephone, and email crisis support and information, referrals, and resources, as well as counseling and psychological services.

UASAC provides accompaniment and advocacy for individuals who choose to report to the police or University of Alberta Protective Services, and those who are involved in a court process or similar proceedings at the University of Alberta.

Who it's for: Faculty, staff, and students of all genders, sexualities, abilities, races, bodies, and spiritualities

Fees: none

Contact: 780.492.9771
sexualassaultcentre@ualberta.ca
www.sac.ualberta.ca



The Saffron Sexual Assault Centre in Sherwood Park works with individuals and families who have been impacted by sexual violence. We work hard to improve the lives of those impacted, and build prevention and education around the issue itself. Support services with Saffron begin at whichever stage of your journey you are in: whether that be thinking about reporting to police, learning about sexual violence, or healing from your own experience, we are with you every step of the way.

Saffron's Court Support Program provides support to people who want to engage in the judicial process. They provide police reporting support, court preparation and accompaniment, as well as empowering and supporting clients in completing necessary paperwork that may be required.

Who it's for: Police and court support is available to people ages 16+ (counselling for all ages)

Fees: sliding scale

Contact: 780.449.0900
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www.saffroncentre.com