

# Police and Court Support (PACS)

## Program overview

The Police and Court Support (PACS) Program at the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE) offers information and support to people impacted by sexual violence who are considering reporting or navigating the criminal justice system. We are not a one-size fits all program; our services are client-led and reflect the needs of each individual. We identify their goals/expectations, present unbiased information and options, and speak about expectations/outcomes as it specifically relates to their unique experiences.

### Basic criteria

- Referrals are community-based; those interested in learning more about PACS services can reach out to the program directly.
- The PACS program can be accessed regardless of involvement with other SACE programs.
- Support is provided for incidents occurring within the Edmonton area.
- PACS can only provide support for criminal or certain civil court proceedings related to sexual assault cases.
- PACS services are available for those 16 and over (if client is under 18, they will be either be assessed as a mature minor or have consent from all legal guardians).

### How to connect

Email  
[courtsupport@sace.ca](mailto:courtsupport@sace.ca)  
or [info@sace.ca](mailto:info@sace.ca)

Call  
**780-423-4102,**  
**menu option #4**

### Services offered

- Pre-reporting support
- Providing information and options for all potential recourses (i.e. criminal, civil, human rights commission)  
*\*Legal advice is beyond the scope of the PACS program. When requested, referrals can be offered to community resources that offer legal advice*
- Police interview accompaniment
- Liaison with police and Crown
- Court preparation
- Courthouse orientation
- Court accompaniment
- Coping and care strategies
- Emotional support
- Resourcing and referrals
- Information regarding Victims' Rights (i.e. AB Victims of Crime Financial Benefits)
- Assistance with Victims of Crime form completion)
- Support with Emergency Protection Orders (EPOs) and Restraining Orders
- Short-term post-court support