

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention in Taichung City



Prevention of Sexual Assault

Anti-Domestic Violence Card

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What to Know about Sexual Assault

What to Do In Case of Sexual Assault

- In case of sexual assault, protect yourself and ensure your personal safety first.
- Keep the scene intact and undisturbed. Do not remove or touch any item at the scene to allow the police to collect evidence and to look for clues.
- Retain all evidence. Do not shower or wash, nor change clothes, wash hands, brush teeth or use the toilet (wash only after you have received medical treatment).
- Call 110 or 113. Have a social worker or a police officer accompany you to the hospital for treatment, injury examination, and evidence collection.

What to Do When in Danger

- Stay calm: Keep your cool and try to think of ways to get away.
- Escape: Run away if possible and do not scream or cry.
- Delay: Buy as much time as possible so as to give yourself a chance to be rescued.
- Coax: Pretend to cooperate and take the initiative by making up excuses such as not feeling well, having your period, being sick or asking to go somewhere else.
- Attack: Fight back. Get the perpetrator to put down the weapon before striking back. Wait for the best time to attack the weakest body parts (e.g. the genitalia, the eyes, and the throat).
- Collect: Gather specimens for tests.



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Dating Safety

- Do not drink alcohol while dining.
- Keep away from unknown food or drink.
- Pay attention to the time of your date so that it is not too early or too late.
- The location of your date must be somewhere bright and safe, being a place of your choice that you are familiar with.
- When dating someone with whom you are not acquainted, it is best to ask a friend to go with you.
- Safety takes priority when there's been a change of plan.
- Do not meet at the other person's house alone and do not go into his room or bedroom.
- Clearly express yourself. Say "no" decisively when you don't want to.
- Trust your instincts and leave immediately when you feel pressured.
- Don't fall for sweet talk when the other person says, "If you love me, then you should..."? If he really loves you, he would learn to respect you.

Breaking Misconceptions about Sexual Assault

- Not only girls wearing provocative clothes get sexually assaulted.
- Little boys may fall victim to sexual assault as well, not just little girls.
- Not all sexual assault perpetrators are strangers. Some may be familiar friends or relatives.
- Anyone can potentially be a perpetrator regardless of his/her level of education and social status.
- One's home may become the most dangerous place.
- Sexual assault is not necessarily committed by means of violence. Sometimes children are deceived, threatened or lured by the perpetrators.
- Sexual assault offenses may be "premeditated", being long planned, or "unforeseen", being committed on the spur of the moment.



Consultation Hotline: 04-2229-9111 ext. 38750

Reporting Fax: 04-2525-1732

Website: <http://www.dvc.taichung.gov.tw/>

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Knowing about Sexual Assault of Children and Adolescents

Teaching a Child to Be the Master of His/her Own Body

- Teach a child that he/she has the right to say "no" to others.
- Be the master of his/her own body. Do not violate others, nor let others violate him/her.
- Protect his/her body. Say it out bravely even when someone close touches his/her body or private parts.
- Tell a child that a "comfortable touch" makes him/her feel respected, warm and fuzzy, loved, and cared for, whereas an "uncomfortable touch" makes him/her feel disgusted, disrespected, unwell and viciously violated.
- Tell a child that most adults would cherish him/her, but some would forcibly touch his/her body by tricking, threatening or luring, and that he/she should leave or tell a trustworthy adult as quickly as possible when this happens.

What Parents Should Do When Their Children Have Been Sexually Assaulted

- Tell your child that it is not his/her fault to be sexually assaulted.
- Children will not make up stories about being sexually assaulted, and parents should believe what they say.
- Don't be too hard on yourself if your child had been sexually assaulted. Remain calm and steady so that you can protect your child.
- Never show your anger in front of your child. More often than not, your child would mistakenly think that you are mad at him/her.



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Parents Should Call 110 or 113 for Professional Assistance When Their Children Have Been Sexually Assaulted

- The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Center provides medical, psychological counseling, litigation, legal, and other consultation and assistance.
- Take your child to the hospital to see if your child has become pregnant or caught any sexually transmitted disease, as well as having your child's injury checked and evidence collected, so that a lawsuit may be filed.
- Do not change clothes, take a shower or bath, wash body or discard any related evidence.
- After filing a police report, parents need to help the child go over the details of the incident, and, if the child remembers anything else afterwards, parents can call the police to make correction(s).
- An offender may be released on bail while awaiting trial after his/her arrest. A victim should contact a social worker at the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Center if he/she is worried or scared, to discuss safety planning and to overcome the fear inside.
- A victim with disability or a victim under the age of 18 can apply to the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Center to have a social worker accompany him/her to interrogation and court if a court summons has been received.



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Knowing about Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

Child and Youth Sexual Exploitation Prevention ("sexual transaction" revised to "sexual exploitation")

- Causing a child or youth to engage in sexual intercourse or obscene acts in exchange for monetary or other considerations.
- Using a child or youth to engage in sexual intercourse or obscene acts for others to watch.
- Filming a child or youth engaging in sexual intercourse or obscene acts or producing pictures, photographs, films, videotapes, CDs, electronic signals or other objects that show a child or youth engaging in sexual intercourse or obscene acts.
- Using a child or youth as a host/hostess in a bar or club or for services, such as tour escorts and singing or dancing companions, that involve sexual activities.

The Following Needs to Be Avoided by the General Public

Any person who, by means of promotional materials, publications, broadcast, television, telecommunications, the Internet or other methods, distributes, sends, publishes or posts messages that are deemed to be sufficient to seduce, arrange, suggest or cause a child or youth to be subjected to the conditions described above in paragraphs 1-3, shall be sentenced to imprisonment of not more than 3 years, or in addition thereto, a fine of up to NT\$1,000,000.

Rescue upon the Discovery of Sexually Exploited Children or Youth

One may dial the following numbers:

- 113 Protection Hotline
- 110 Emergency Hotline



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Services Provided by the Taichung City Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Center

1. Processing reports of domestic violence, sexual assault, child and adolescent abuse and neglect, and sexual exploitation and giving guidance on these cases
2. Protection and assistance measures for the victims
3. Subsidies for the victims
4. Counseling services for the offenders
5. Sexual harassment prevention affairs
6. Promotion and training for the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault

Protection Hotline: 113

Emergency Hotline: 110

SMS Hotline for the Hearing and Speech Impaired: 0911511908

Male Care Hotline: 0800-013999

Service Hotline for Foreigners Living in Taiwan: 1990

Taichung District Court: 04-2223-2311

Extension Numbers for Protection Order Application: 04-2223-2311 ext. 3803 & 3805

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