

ALTERNATIVE REPORTING AFTER A SEXUAL ASSAULT



This is an Easy Read information sheet made by WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association Inc.



You can ask a worker or someone you trust to help read this information.

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Some words are in **bold blue** writing.

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We will explain what these words mean.

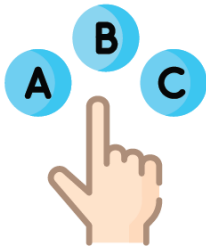
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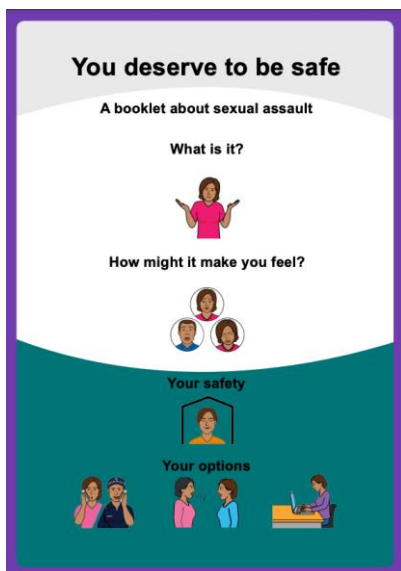
Sexual assault is a crime.



If it has happened to you, it is not your fault.



This information sheet is about **Alternative Reporting Options** for sexual assault.



You can click the following link to learn more about sexual assault in:

[You deserve to be Safe: A booklet about sexual assault.](#)



If you have been sexually assaulted, it is your right:



- To talk to police.



- To not talk to police.



- To get support.



- To get medical care.



- To be treated with respect.



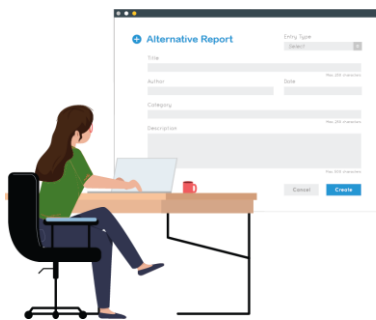
- To be safe.

- To change your mind at any time.

Making an **Alternative Report** about sexual assault



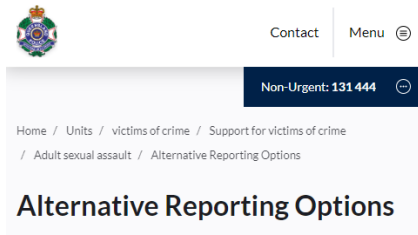
Not all victim-survivors will want to talk to police after a sexual assault has happened.



An **Alternative Report** is a different way to tell police that a sexual assault has happened to you.



An **Alternative Report** can be made by adults who have been sexually assaulted in Queensland.



An **Alternative Report** is also called **Alternative Reporting Options** or **ARO**.



Making an **Alternative Report** is different to making a **Sexual Assault Report**.



Making a **Sexual Assault Report** means you want the police to contact you and **investigate** the report.



Investigate means the police will look for **evidence**.



Evidence is information that shows that a crime has happened.



The person who hurt you might be charged for the crime.

The case might go to court.



This means you and the person who hurt you might have to go to court.



Making a Sexual Assault Report can be hard.

**If you choose to make an
Alternative Report:**



It gives you the chance to share what has happened.



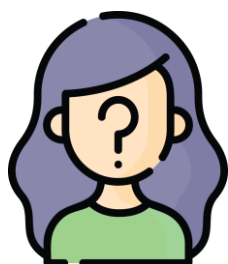
The police will respect your decision if you do not want to talk to them about the report.



The police might investigate the report if they are worried about public safety.



Reporting might help other people that have been hurt by the same person.



You do not have to give your **personal information**.

Personal information is things

like:



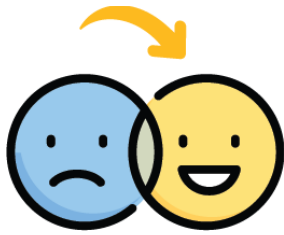
- Your name



- Your address



- Your Phone Number



Reporting might help you to feel a bit better.

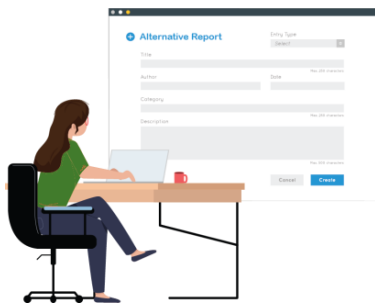
It might feel better to not report. It is your choice.



If you decide not to report, you can still access other support, like counselling, or financial assistance as a victim of crime.

How to make an **Alternative Report**

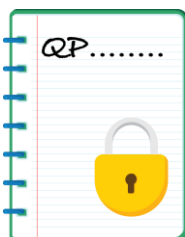
There are 2 ways to make an **Alternative Report**:



1. You can fill out an **Alternative Report** form online at

<https://forms.police.qld.gov.au/launch/SexualAssaultARO>

Reference number



You will receive an online reference number when you have finished the online form.

Write this down and keep this number safe.



2. You can also print out a paper **Alternative Report** form and fill it in.

You can find the paper form at:

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/units/victims-of-crime/support-for-victims-of-crime/adult-sexual-assault/alternative-reporting>



When you have finished the paper form, you can email a digital copy to:

alternativereportingoptions@police.qld.gov.au

Or post the paper form back to
police at:



Sexual Crime Unit

**Brisbane Police Headquarters,
(CASC Level 1)**

**GPO Box 1440, Brisbane Qld
4001**



The **Alternative Report** form will
ask you for **personal information.**

You do not have to provide this.

The form will also ask you to share:



- What happened.
- Information about the person who hurt you.



You can choose how much information you want to give.



You can ask someone you trust to help you.

How to get support



You can call these numbers for help.

1800RESPECT

To speak to someone about sexual assault or domestic violence you can call:

1800 Respect on **1800 737 732**

Or

DVCQCONNECT
Be heard. Be safe.

Sexual Assault Helpline on **1800**

010 120 from 7.30am till 11:30pm.

To get support as a victim of crime you can call:

VICTIM & CONNECT

VictimConnect on **1300 318 940**,

or visit www.victimconnect.org.au



WWILD Sexual Violence

Prevention provides support to people with intellectual disability who are victims of crime.

You can call **WWILD** on **07 3262 9877**.

For Legal help you can call:



Women's Legal Service on **1800 957 957**

Or



Legal Aid on **1300 651 188**



Remember if you are in danger call 000.

If you have been sexually assaulted it is not your fault. You have a right to be safe and to get support.