SASS – Program Information

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) offers emergency support for survivors of sexual assault. A support worker is available 24-hours per day to address the needs of survivors. We don't want anyone to feel alone or unsupported.

Supports & Services Available 24-hours per day.

- Informing survivors on available reporting options.
- Assisting survivors in obtaining appropriate medical care.
- Immediate safety planning.
- Connecting survivors with further services and organizations.
- Providing emotional and practical support.
- Advising survivors of their rights and answering any questions they may have.

When To Refer a Survivor to Sexual Assault Support Services (or when to refer yourself).

- 1. If the sexual assault occurred within the last 4 weeks and they are not in danger...
 - Call the 24-Hour Emergency Sexual Assault Response Phone Number (250.635.1911) immediately. If in danger, hurt or afraid please call 911.
- 2. If the survivor is in crisis and needs Sexual Assault Support but the assault occurred more than 4 weeks ago, call and we can still offer some assistance.
 - Call the 24-Hour Emergency Sexual Assault Phone Response Number (250.635.1911).
- 3. If the survivor is not interested in accessing information currently, offer them the 24-Hour Emergency Sexual Assault Response Phone Number (250-635-1911) for a later time.
 - You can always email the Sexual Assault Support Services (<u>sass@ksansociety.ca</u>) or call
 the Counselling and Support office Monday-Friday 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:30 (250635-2373 ext. 230) if you would like information about how to support someone you
 know or for yourself.
- 4. If the sexual assault occurred more then 4+ weeks ago and they are not in need of emergency supports ...
 - Please email <u>SASS@Ksansociety.ca</u> or call 250-641-1911 Monday-Friday 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:30.
- 5. If strangulation and or suffocation has occurred
 - Call 911 for emergency medical support and/or police services.
 - The 24-Hour Emergency Sexual Assault Response Phone line (250.635.1911) can be called from the hospital.
- 6. If you are unsure what to do, you can call or text the emergency line 250.635.1911, the office line 250.635.2373 (ext 230) or email and inquire.

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