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Statistics

Sexual assault is a severely under-reported crime—up to 97% of assaults are never reported to police. Many survivors never tell even a friend or family member.

Johnson, H. (2012). Limits of a Criminal Justice Response: Trends in Police and Court Processing of Sexual Assault. *Sexual Assault in Canada: Law, Legal Practise, and Women's Activism*, 613-634.

According to Canada's most recent General Social Survey, there are 24 sexual assaults per year for every thousand people over the age of 15 in Canada. That means that based on Alberta's population at the time, there are about 7000 assaults per month.

Perreault, S., & Brennan, S. (2009). Criminal Victimization in Canada. Statistics Canada. Retrieved From: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2010002/article/11340-eng.htm>.

<http://aasas.ca/initiatives/i-believe-you/>

› University of Lethbridge Sexual Violence Survey

UofLsexualviolence.com conducted a survey about sexual assault on campus via the Facebook page "U of L Confessions". This survey collected information about the occurrence of sexual violence and whether or not they were reported. The survey was removed from the page by admins after 12 hours due to complaints.

The original survey can be found [here](http://goo.gl/forms/ahBTg8MRUj). (<http://goo.gl/forms/ahBTg8MRUj>)

The results are as follows:

In just 12 hours, 24 people said they were sexually assaulted or almost sexually assaulted on the U of L campus. Most of these assaults occur in University dorm rooms or the campus bar "The Zoo".

Of the 24 survivors, 5 said that they reported the sexual violence to campus authorities, contradicting the Security offices' reports of only **EVER** having 3 sexual assaults on campus. [2 in 2015 and 1 in 2013](http://www.uleth.ca/security/content/statistics). (<http://www.uleth.ca/security/content/statistics>)

This means that the University of Lethbridge is under reporting its statistics to make it appear as if their campus is a safe place, but in doing so they not only ignore the issue, but put more students at risk for these kind of crimes.

Help I...

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>Am a survivor

- Remember, sexual harassment, assault and abuse are, unfortunately, not uncommon and you are not alone. There are others who have suffered in a similar way. It is also important to remember that no one has the right to sexually assault, attack, harass or abuse another person.
- In Lethbridge, free and confidential services can be found at our [local sexual assault centre. \(link to resource page\)](#)
- If the sexual assault is recent and you would like to be treated for sexually transmitted infections or possible pregnancy. You can find a list of walk-in clinics [here. \(List of Lethbridge doctors http://www.uleth.ca/hr/health-centre/content/city-clinics\)](#)
- [Reporting to police](#) is optional, and there is no time limit on reporting. If you do this, you don't have to press charges, but you may save someone else from being similarly attacked or abused if police know who your perpetrator was.
- After a sexual assault, you may feel shock, embarrassment, shame, guilt, disbelief, anger, anxiety or nothing at all. These are all normal reactions to a violent crime. Similarly, sometimes months or even years after an assault, survivors re-experience feelings they had immediately following the attack. This is why it's a good idea to see a [trained professional](#) if you feel it is right for you.

>Want to support a friend

- Avoid asking “why” questions because they may sound accusatory. Avoid blaming in any way.
- Give contact information for a local sexual assault centre. In Lethbridge, free and confidential services can be found [here. \(link to resource page\)](#)
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- If the individual is over 18, reporting to police is optional, and there is no time limit on reporting. Respect their decision, whatever it may be.
- However, you have a legal obligation to report the sexual abuse of a child to the authorities. If you're unsure about who to call, you can call your [local sexual assault centre \(resources\)](#) for referral information. **DO NOT** contact parents if their child discloses sexual abuse; you must always contact the authorities first.
- Take care of yourself as well. It's never easy to hear that someone you care about has been sexually assaulted. It can also be confusing if you know both people involved. Find someone to talk to about your feelings, such as an [expert at a sexual assault centre. \(Resources\)](#).

›Want to report
 auto call?) Lethbridge Regional Police reporting number: 1.403.328.4444 (mobile
 University of Lethbridge Security Emergency: 1.403.329.2345

›Want to make change on campus
 Get in touch with the Women's Center,
 The Amethyst Project,
 Use the #uoflsexualviolence & #Ibelieveyou to create awareness,

Resources

Emergency: 911

Lethbridge Sexual Assault Centre:

YWCA Harbour House
 24 hour crisis: (403) 320-1881
 Toll Free: 1-866-296-0447
inquiries@ywcalethbridge.org
www.ywcalethbridge.org (link)
 604 8 St S,
 Lethbridge, AB

University of Lethbridge Counselling Services:

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Phone: 403-317-2845

Fax: 403-332-4551

<http://www.uleth.ca/counselling> (link)

TH218, 4401 University Drive West

Lethbridge AB T1K 3M4

Southwestern Alberta Distress Line:

Lethbridge & Area

403-327-7905

24 hour support