

Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network

Mission Statement



RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization and was named one of "America's 100 Best Charities" by Worth magazine. RAINN created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800.656.HOPE and online.rainn.org) in partnership with more than 1,100 local rape crisis centers across the country and operates the [DoD Safe Helpline](#) for the Department of Defense. RAINN also carries out programs to prevent sexual violence, help victims and ensure that rapists are brought to justice.

National Sexual Assault Hotline

Among its programs, RAINN created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline at **1.800.656.HOPE**. This nationwide partnership of more than 1,100 local rape treatment hotlines provides victims of sexual violence with free, confidential services around the clock. The hotline helped 137,039 sexual assault victims in 2005 and has helped more than 1.5 million since it began in 1994.

National Sexual Assault [Online Hotline](#)

In 2007, RAINN expanded its hotline services with the National Sexual Assault [Online Hotline](#), the nation's first secure web-based hotline that provides live and completely confidential help to victims through an interface as intuitive as instant messaging. In November 2007, RAINN won the 2007 NPower Greater DC Region Technology Innovation Award for its innovative use of technology in the National Sexual Assault [Online Hotline](#).

Helping Policymakers and the Media

RAINN is a frequent resource for television, radio and print news outlets — as well as local, state and national policymakers, law enforcement and rape treatment professionals — on the issues related to rape and sexual violence.

Educating America to Prevent Sexual Violence

Extensive entertainment industry relationships allow RAINN to reach millions of Americans each month with important information about sexual violence prevention, recovery and prosecution. In addition, RAINN uses its community partnerships to put critical information into the hands of young women and men at concerts, on campus and in communities. Through these efforts, RAINN educates more than 120 million Americans each year about sexual violence.

In addition to these education efforts, RAINN also publicizes the hotlines' free, confidential services and leads national efforts to improve services to victims and ensure that rapists are brought to justice.

We Can't Do It Alone

We are proud to count entertainers, athletes, media networks and corporations as our partners. And, we are equally pleased to have the financial and volunteer support of tens of thousands of individuals across the U.S., from our RAINN Makers who raise money to support our programs to RAINN Day volunteers committed to ending sexual violence on over 1000 campuses across the country.

DoD Safe Helpline

Department of Defense (DoD) Safe Helpline is a groundbreaking crisis support service for members of the DoD community affected by sexual assault. Safe Helpline provides live, one-on-one advice, support, and information to the worldwide DoD community. The service is anonymous, secure, and available 24/7 — providing victims with the help they need, anytime, anywhere.

Safe Helpline services ([Online](#), [Telephone](#) and [SMS text message](#)), are provided by RAINN through a contract with the DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) — however, your information will remain confidential. RAINN will not share your name or any other personally identifying information with SAPRO or your chain of command.

