



Support for Crime Victims



Campus Watch
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THE Garda Victim Liaison Office

We believe that there is a special place for victims in the Garda Service and within the criminal justice system. We seek to put victims at the heart of the justice system and ensure that statutory rights to information, advice and other appropriate assistance are met effectively and efficiently. We will at every opportunity support the dignity, concerns and needs of all victims.

All members of An Garda Síochána will treat victims with dignity and respect – whatever your gender, race, religious beliefs, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, nationality, disability, economic circumstances, marital or family status.

If you are a victim of a crime or traumatic incident, we will

- respond quickly to your call and investigate your complaint, and
- give you the name, telephone number and station of the investigating Garda and the PULSE incident number – this is the number give to your incident so that we can quickly find the details of your case.

We will keep you informed of all significant developments in your case and provide you with details of support organisations. As a victim, with your co-operation an assessment will be conducted of your needs in order to identify any issues in relation to your safety and your vulnerability to retaliation, intimidation and re-victimisation.



For more information on your rights, you can read our Victim Information Booklet at www.garda.ie or you can contact the Crime Victims Helpline at Freephone 116006.

For further advice and support, you can contact your local Garda Victim Service Office (contact details at www.garda.ie) or

**The Garda Victim Liaison Office,
An Garda Síochána,
Garda National Protective Services Bureau,
Harcourt Square,
Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 666 3349**

Sexual Crimes



No one may engage in a sexual act with you without your consent. No one else may consent on your behalf. To do so is a crime.

Consent means freely and voluntarily agreeing to engage in a sexual act and your consent may be withdrawn at any time before or during the activity. Failure or omission to offer resistance does not of itself constitute consent to a sexual act.

You do not consent if you are, for example:

- (a) submitting because of the use/threat of force, or a well-founded fear that force may be used;
- (b) asleep or unconscious;
- (c) incapable of consenting because of the effect of alcohol or some other drug;
- (d) suffering from a physical disability preventing you from communicating consent;
- (e) mistaken as to the nature and purpose of the activity;
- (f) mistaken as to the identity of any other person involved;
- (g) unlawfully detained at the time that the activity occurs.

The HEA, IUA, THEA and USI have launched the **#unmuteconsent** campaign to encourage students to learn more about consent.

See www./hea.ie/policy/policy-development/unmuteconsent/



If you are the victim of a sexual crime, contact the Gardaí immediately, either by dialling 999 or 112, or by contacting your nearest Garda station. Do not wash or change your clothing or clean up the immediate vicinity – you may unintentionally destroy vital evidence.

For more information see www.garda.ie/en/crime/sexual-crime

Other Contacts/Links:

Garda Síochána Child Sexual Abuse Reporting Line - Free Phone 1800 555 222.

www.hse.ie/satu - Sexual Assault Treatment Units operating throughout Ireland.

www.rapecrisishelp.ie/find-a-service - Rape Crisis Network Ireland

www.drcc.ie - Dublin Rape Crisis Centre) - National 24-hour Helpline

– Free Phone 1800 778888.

www.itstopsnow.org - a project of the National Women's Council of Ireland to combat sexual harassment and violence in third level institutions.



Campus Watch is similar to a residential Neighbourhood Watch scheme in that it is a crime prevention and community safety programme. It operates as a partnership between An Garda Síochána and the campus occupants. It works on the basis that every member of campus can help to improve the quality of life on site by keeping a look out for students, staff and visitors, and reporting suspicious activities to the gardaí.

