

What is SART?

The Yukon Sexualized Assault Response Team (SART) is a network of agencies that support victims of sexualized assault in the Yukon.

You are employed by a SART member agency – which makes you a SART member!

SART member agencies

- Women's Transition Home
- Yukon Hospital Corporation
Whitehorse General Hospital
Patient Care Division and First Nations Health Programs
- Yukon RCMP
- Public Prosecution
Service of Canada (PPSC)
"Crown"
- Victim Services
Government of Yukon
- Mental Wellness and
Substance Use Services
Government of Yukon
- Community Health Programs
Government of Yukon
- Women and Gender
Equity Directorate
Government of Yukon

What is sexualized assault?

Sexualized assault is a broad term that includes:

- behaviours and actions that are sexualized in nature, unwanted, coerced and/or committed without consent;
- any act that undermines an individual's sexual or gender integrity.

Sexualized violence is any unwanted sexualized touching or activity. This includes the specific term of "rape" which refers to the forced penetration of an individual by a body part of another individual without consent, and expands to further scenarios such as unwanted sexualized grabbing or touching, mouth-to-body contact, fondling and other unwanted actions.

Who can access SART services?

Anyone can access SART services at any time, from anywhere in the Yukon. This includes:

- Victims of sexualized assault of all:
 - genders;
 - ages; and
 - sexual orientations.
- Victims of both recent and historical sexualized assault.
- Family members and loved ones supporting a victim.
- Support workers and other professionals supporting a victim.

What services does SART provide?

Sexualized Assault Support (SAS) Line

- 1-844-967-7275
- Available Yukon-wide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for victims, support persons and professionals seeking information.

Victim Services

- Support and accompaniment to hospital and RCMP, crisis counselling, justice system navigation and other services.
- **Victim Services Worker**
Monday - Friday:
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- **SART Support Workers**
Weekends:
Friday 5:00 pm
to Monday 8:00 am

Women's Transition Home

- Emergency shelter for women fleeing violence.

Medical care

- Sexual Assault Examination Kits and Kits on Ice provided by specialized SART Examiners at Whitehorse General Hospital.
- 24/7 on an on-call basis.

RCMP - Specialized Response Unit (SRU)

- Dedicated unit of police officers.
- 24/7 on an on-call basis.

Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services

- Priority access to counselling.
- Monday - Friday:
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

How should I respond to a disclosure of sexualized violence?

Remember, there is no “right” way for a victim to behave or respond after they’ve experienced a sexualized assault, and nothing the victim did or did not do caused the assault. Perpetrators cause assaults, not victims.

One of the key goals of SART is to reduce the system trauma that victims experience. The retelling of their assault and the responses they get from professionals has been cited by trauma survivors as experiences that can be worse than the assault itself. Be kind, and don’t ask questions if the answers aren’t necessary for you to do your job as a professional.

Some things to say after you’ve received a disclosure:

- I believe you.
- It’s not your fault.
- I am here for you.
- What can I do to help?

When working with a victim under 19 years of age:

- Consider limits to confidentiality.
- Consider need for protective intervention and duty to report (RCMP or Family and Children Services).

Where can I get more information about SART?

- Yukon Sexualized Assault Support (SAS) Line: 1-844-967-7275
- SARTyukon.ca
- On the SART agency contacts at your fingertips document

