

Sexual Violence Awareness Month 2024

Communications kit

Sexual Violence Awareness Month is a community initiative held in Queensland each **October** to:

- Raise community awareness about sexual violence.
- Promote the support options available to people impacted by sexual violence.

It is an opportunity to reinforce that sexual violence is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in Queensland, because all Queenslanders deserve to live free of the fear, threat or experience of sexual violence.

Sexual violence can happen to anybody, regardless of age, gender, race, culture, socioeconomic status, ability, sexual orientation or location. However, we know that women, children and young people face the highest prevalence of sexual violence.

What can you do to help?

- Share this communication kit with your stakeholders for their use and promotion.
- Download and use the branded resources via www.qld.gov.au/svamonth
- Include an article in an e-newsletter or on your workplace intranet.
- Share a post on social media.
- Plan to host an event with your community groups or workplace.
- List an event or find an event to attend during Sexual Violence Awareness Month, via the Events Calendar [online](#).

Ways to share the message	Suggested content
e-newsletter <i>Download an image via</i> www.qld.gov.au/svamonth	Sexual Violence Awareness Month 2024 October marks Sexual Violence Awareness Month – a community initiative held annually in Queensland to serve as a reminder that sexual violence is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Sexual violence is not only physical assault. It is <i>any</i> unwanted, non-consensual sexual behaviour towards another person. We all deserve healthy relationships and positive sexual experiences based on mutual trust and respect. Talking about consent is a normal and necessary part of all positive sexual experiences. Changes to sexual violence laws in Queensland

Recent changes to sexual violence laws commenced on 23 September 2024, which include moving Queensland to recognising the affirmative model of consent.

The new laws will change the way sexual offences are defended and prosecuted, and better reflect community expectations of equality and mutual respect in sexual relationships.

Learn more about the new laws, consent and Sexual Violence Awareness Month at www.qld.gov.au/svamonth

Take action this Sexual Violence Awareness Month:

- Find an event to attend via the [events calendar](#)
- Learn more about [what can constitute sexual violence](#), abuse or assault
- [Learn more about affirmative consent and the new laws commencing in Queensland](#)
- [find out about the help and support options available](#)

Support is available for anyone impacted by sexual violence.

Contact:

You can contact 1800RESPECT in four ways: call 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or visit www.1800RESPECT.org.au for online chat and video call services.

[Lifeline](#) on 13 11 14 offers 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention.

[Queensland Sexual Assault Help Line](#) on 1800 010 120, 7 days per week 7.30am-11.30pm. The state-wide helpline offers telephone support and crisis counselling to anyone – adults and young people of any gender identity – who has been sexually assaulted or abused, and for anyone who is concerned or suspects someone they care about might have been assaulted or abused.

[The Queensland Sexual Assault Network \(QSAN\)](#) has contact details for regional and specific-focus services. These include services for First Nations, migrant and young (aged 12-25 years) women and girls, along with women with intellectual and learning disabilities and specific men's services.

Option to include your workplace Employee Assistance Provider contact details.

<p>Social media post – Sexual Violence Awareness Month – general awareness</p> <p><i>Download an image via</i> www.qld.gov.au/svamonth</p>	<p>Sexual Violence Awareness Month each October is a reminder for all Queenslanders that sexual violence is never acceptable. We all have a role preventing this form of violence in our communities and ensuring the safety of all Queenslanders. Show your support for Sexual Violence Awareness Month, visit www.qld.gov.au/svamonth to learn more.</p>
<p>Social media post – Consent</p> <p><i>Download an image via</i> www.qld.gov.au/svamonth</p>	<p>We all deserve healthy relationships and positive sexual experiences based on mutual trust and respect. Talking about consent is a normal and necessary part of all positive sexual experiences.</p> <p>This Sexual Violence Awareness Month, learn more about consent. Visit www.qld.gov.au/svamonth</p>
<p>Social media post – Help and support</p> <p><i>Download an image via</i> www.qld.gov.au/svamonth</p>	<p>Sexual violence is never acceptable – everyone deserves to be safe from this form of violence in Queensland.</p> <p>Help and support is available for anyone impacted by sexual violence. Find more information and help and support options online via www.qld.gov.au/community/getting-support-health-social-issue/support-victims-abuse/sexual-abuse-assault/sexual-abuse-assault-getting-help</p>

