Contact LEGAL AID CHICAGO for legal assistance and information on your legal rights.

120 S. La Salle Street, Ste. 900
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 423-5900
www.legalaidchicago.org

Other Hotlines

Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline
1-888-293-2080
National Human Trafficking Hotline
1- 888-373-7888

RESILIENCE
EMPOWERING SURVIVORS ENDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

RESILIENCE (*formerly Rape Victim Advocates*) is our partner in CLASP. They provide support services such as crisis intervention, medical and legal advocacy, and trauma therapy.

To learn more about their services please contact Resilience at:
312-443-9603 or **info@ourresilience.org**

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FREE LEGAL HELP
for Sexual Assault & Sexual Violence Survivors

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COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS PROJECT

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EQUAL JUSTICE STARTS HERE

Have you been sexually assaulted, abused, or harassed?

Sexual violence can occur in different ways, but know that it's **never your fault**.

Sexual contact or behavior that happens without your consent and qualifies as sexual violence can include:

- ***Unwanted touching or fondling***
- ***Forced sexual acts***
- ***Rape or penetration of any kind***
- ***Attempted acts, even if the attempt is prevented or stopped***
- ***Jokes or lewd behavior at work or school***

Intimidation, manipulation, and humiliation are all non-physical forms of abuse that offenders use to pressure sexual acts.

How Legal Aid Chicago can help you!

Legal Aid Chicago offers **free** comprehensive civil (non-criminal) legal services to individuals who are survivors of sexual violence.

PERSONAL SAFETY

You may be eligible for a protective order that keeps you and your household members safe.

IMMIGRATION

You may be eligible for a U-visa or other immigration relief as a crime victim that gives you permission to live and work in the U.S.

HOUSING

You may have the right to break your lease or change the locks if you feel unsafe in your apartment. Your landlord cannot evict you for calling the police or for getting an order of protection.

Sexual abuse by a landlord is illegal.

EMPLOYMENT

If you experience sexual abuse at work, or are fired or mistreated because you are a victim of sexual violence, you may be able to sue your employer. You may also be eligible for unemployment benefits.

You may be eligible for unpaid time off work for matters such as medical and legal appointments related to sexual violence.

PUBLIC BENEFITS

You may be eligible for TANF Crisis Assistance, expedited SNAP (food stamps), crime victim compensation, and/or disability benefits.

FINANCIAL

You may dispute medical debts that stem from the sexual violence. We may be able to assist with identity theft, especially in cases of human trafficking.

EDUCATION

You may have the right to extra supports in school to help you feel safe, including time with a school social worker, changes to your or the perpetrator's schedule, or a transfer to another school.

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