



Protect Privacy – protect your rights by requesting notice and/or challenging a subpoena for your records; ensure other service providers understand laws regarding your privacy and how to protect it



Safety – work with schools, landlords, employers and others to create safety plans and request accommodations to increase your safety and well-being.

Sexual assault is any behavior or contact of a sexual nature that is unwanted. It happens when a person is forced, coerced, and/or manipulated into any unwanted sexual activity.

Sexual assault includes a wide range of behaviors – some of which violate criminal laws and some that don't. Any form of sexual assault is unacceptable.

In addition to responses from within the criminal justice system and community-based supports such as victim advocacy and medical support, survivors of sexual violence may benefit from civil legal assistance on a wide range of issues related to recovery from an assault. Idaho Legal Aid Services can provide the following civil legal assistance for qualifying survivors of sexual assault. This brochure will explain the many ways a lawyer could be helpful to a survivor of sexual assault.



## Legal Assistance for Sexual Assault Survivors





Housing – negotiate with landlords to allow you to terminate or transfer your lease.



Limited Financial Recovery – assist with applications for crime victims compensation and public assistance related to recovering from a financial loss as a result of an assault.



Employment – help enforce your rights as outlined in the employer’s policies; negotiate with employer to secure leave, unemployment insurance, accommodations in the workplace, and more.



Education – negotiate with schools to ensure that student rights under state and federal laws are enforced and to secure accommodations to allow students make up for any class time missed as a result of the assault; act as a support person or advocate for the survivor during any student disciplinary proceedings or school-based investigation.



Immigration/Legal Status – assist with petitions for a visa for victims of crime; negotiate with United States immigration officials to ensure your visa is not revoked for failure to attend school or work as a result of the assault; ensure your legal status in the US is not used against you in any legal proceeding related to an assault.



## Legal Assistance

Free legal assistance is available to victims of sexual assault through the Stopping Violence, Changing Lives project. Victims can get help on a broad range of civil legal issues, such as: civil protection orders, divorce, child custody, housing, consumer/credit issues, or public benefits. If you would like to talk to a lawyer, call: 1-877-500-2980 or contact your local Idaho Legal Aid office:

Boise 208-345-0106  
 Caldwell 208-454-2591  
 Coeur d’Alene 208-667-9559  
 Idaho Falls 208-524-3660  
 Lewiston 208-743-1556  
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