



Sexual Violence Reality Check

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Sexual violence includes any **unwanted sexual attention, contact, or activity**, and can violate a young person's trust, safety, and sense of identity.

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Survivors of sexual violence experience dangerous risks.

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Youth survivors of sexual violence can experience a range of emotions, and may deal in unhealthy ways. **Do not judge or make assumptions.**

ASK youth what they need to feel safe.

For more information, check out <http://besafe.org/help/sexual-violence>





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