

Wisconsin Law: Sexual Assault/Sex Offenses

Sexual Assault:

WI § 940.225, defines sexual assault as:

- Sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person without consent of that person.
- Sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who suffers a mental illness or deficiency that renders that person *temporarily* or permanently incapable of appraising the person's conduct, and the subject knows of such condition.
- Sexual contact or intercourse with a person who is under the influence of an intoxicant, to a degree which renders that person incapable of giving consent if the subject has actual knowledge that the person is incapable of giving consent
- Sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who the subject knows is unconscious.

Sexual Contact:

- Intentional touching, whether direct or through clothing, either for sexual degrading, humiliating the victim, or arousing or gratifying the subject.
- Intentional touching by the subject or upon the subject's instruction, by another person, by the use of any body part or object, of the victim's intimate parts.
- Intentional touching by the victim, by the use of any body part or object, of the subject's intimate parts, or if done upon the subject's instruction, the intimate parts of another person.
- Intentional penile ejaculation or emission of urine/feces by the subject or upon the subject's instruction, by another person upon any part of the body clothed or unclothed of the victim, for the purpose of sexually degrading or humiliating the victim, or for sexually arousing the subject.

Fact: It is a criminal offense if an individual knowingly sends a text/email image of a person's genitals to a minor.

Fact: Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent is statutory rape. Having intercourse with a minor under the age of 17, is a sexual assault.

There is help:

Sheboygan Police Department
(920)459-3333

Department of Health & Human Services,
Division of Social Services
(920)459-6418

Mobile Crisis (24 hours a day)
(920)459-3151

Sheboygan Memorial Hospital
(920)451-5000

St. Nicholas Hospital
(920)459-8300



Sexual Assault Awareness

What You Need to Know...



Fact: Up to 71% of rapes are clearly planned.
Source: WI DOC

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The Sheboygan Police Department is providing this brochure as a resource. The contents are designed to inform readers of professional contacts, current laws, safety procedures, and signs of abuse.





Fact: 90% of all acts of sexual violence are committed by people known by the victim.
-WI Dept. of Corrections

Sexual Assaults on Women

Safety >>>

- Be **careful** about your use of drugs and alcohol. You are more **vulnerable** to assault if you are **high or drunk**. **If you're under the influence**, have a trusted friend take you home.
- **Avoid** going out/socializing in the bars/taverns by yourself.
- Do **not** allow people you don't know into your house.
- No means **NO**.

What you need to know about Date Rape Drugs >>>

- Most are liquid or powder form and dissolve into liquids quickly.
- Most are odorless, colorless and tasteless.
- Effects appear in 4 to 20 minutes.
- Effects last from 45 minutes to 8 hours.

Symptoms >>>

- Feel quickly & seriously intoxicated in response to a small amount of alcohol.
- Wake up feeling "fuzzy" or very hung over.
- Have memory lapses; cannot account for a period of time.

Sexual Assaults on Children

Note: If you find physical signs and suspect sex abuse/assault, have the child examined immediately by a specialized professional.

Child Safety >>>

- Abusers often develop a relationship with potential victims (and their families). This is also known as "**grooming**."
- Educate your child about sexual abuse and assault when age appropriate. Be direct. **Do not assume** your child has heard it or knows about it already.
- Think cautiously about the safety of situations when older youth are with younger children.
- Think cautiously when you are putting your child in any one-on-one situation. If your child is alone with an adult/older child, talk with your child afterwards, and note your child's mood and whether your child can tell you with confidence how the time was spent.

Signs & Symptoms >>>

Emotional/Behavioral Signs:

- Withdrawal/depression
- Unexplained anger and rebellion
- Sexual behavior and language that is not age appropriate
- Unexplained or sudden fear of a person/place
- Unexplained or sudden self-consciousness about genitals, including becoming upset by bathing and diapering

Physical Signs (not as common):

- Redness/rashes of genital area
- Genital swelling
- Urinary tract infections
- Chronic stomach pain/headaches, associated with anxiety may occur



If a child discloses that he/she has been sexually abused/assaulted >>>

- Do not react with anger or disbelief. How you react has a powerful influence on a child.
- Believe the child. Tell the child that you believe him/her.
- Thank and praise the child for his/her courage.
- Don't lead the child to questions. If you must ask questions, ask open ended questions such as "What happened next?"
- Contact law enforcement and seek professional help.