

Sexual Violence Awareness Month – October 2023

Stakeholder Communication 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 affected 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.
- Include an article in an e-newsletter or on your workplace intranet.
- Share a post on social media.
- Download and use the branded resources via www.qld.gov.au/svamonth
- 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 to get your message across
e-newsletter Download an image via www.qld.gov.au/svamonth	Sexual Violence Awareness Month 2023 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 can happen to people of any gender, race, culture, socioeconomic status, ability, sexual orientation, setting or location. First Nations women and girls, and women and girls with disability, are especially vulnerable to sexual violence. Everyone deserves to feel safe and live free from the fear, threat or experience of sexual violence. We all have a role to play in preventing this form of violence in our workplace and communities and ensuring the safety of all Queenslanders, in particular women and children. This Sexual Violence Awareness Month you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find an event to attend via the events calendar



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find information about what can constitute sexual violence, abuse or assault • find out about the help and support options available <p>Support is available for anyone impacted by sexual violence.</p> <p>Contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1800 Respect on 1800 737 732 offers 24/7 telephone and online crisis support. • 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</p> <p>Download an image via 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 to play in preventing this form of violence in our workplace and 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</p> <p>Download an image via www.qld.gov.au/svamonth</p>	<p>Sexual violence is never acceptable – everyone deserves to be safe from this form of violence in Queensland. Help and support is available for anyone impacted by sexual violence. Find more information and help and support options online via https://www.qld.gov.au/SexualViolence.</p>



Queensland Government's work to address and respond to sexual violence:

The Queensland Government is committed to addressing all forms of sexual violence, harassment and abuse and eradicating these forms of violence from our communities.

The Queensland Government has made strong progress in addressing sexual violence, along with intersecting forms of violence such as domestic and family violence. This includes the release of [*Prevent. Support. Believe. Queensland's Framework to address Sexual Violence*](#) through three priority areas: prevention; support and healing; and accountability and justice.

Large scale reform is being delivered in [*response to the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce Hear Her Voice Report Two recommendations*](#) to improve Queensland's criminal justice system for women and girls who are victim-survivors of sexual violence, or who are accused persons or offenders.

