

CHILD ABUSE

The Sheriff's Department's Child Abuse Unit investigates sexual and physical abuse crimes against children in the unincorporated communities of San Diego County and the nine cities that contract with the Sheriff. The Unit receives over 5000 cases a year with approximately 15% of those cases being assigned for criminal investigation.

The goal of the Child Abuse Unit is to conduct investigations utilizing problem-solving strategies, in partnership with the communities we serve, to ensure the safety of abused children and the criminal prosecution of those who perpetrate crimes against children.

For more information please call the **Sheriff's Department Child Abuse Unit at (858) 974-2310**. There are community-based organizations that you may contact regarding your incident:

Child Abuse Hotline
(858) 560-2191

County of San Diego Child Welfare Services
(858) 694-5191
www.sdcounty.ca.gov

Internet Crimes Against Children
www.sdccac.org

Megan's Law
www.meganslaw.ca.gov

National Sex Offenders Public Website
www.nsopr.gov

ELDER ABUSE

The State of California State considers those persons age 65 and older to be elders. Persons 18-64 years old who have physical and/or mental limitations that restrict their ability to carry out normal activities or to protect their rights are considered dependent adults.

Elder abuse is defined as any crime likely to produce injury, harm, death, physical pain, mental suffering, placing an elder or dependent adult in a situation where their health is endangered or any crime involving theft, embezzlement, forgery, fraud or identity theft where the perpetrator knows or should know that the victim is an elder or dependent adult.

For more information please call the **Sheriff's Department Elder Abuse Unit at (858) 974-2322**. There are also community-based organizations that you may contact regarding your incident:

San Diego Elder Abuse Hotline
(800) 510-2020

San Diego County District Attorney: Safe Seniors
(619) 531-4040
www.sdcca.org/helping/elder-abuse.html

County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services / Adult Protective Services
(800) 510-2020
www.co.san-diego.ca.us/hhsa/programs/ais/

San Diego Sheriff's Department's "You Are Not Alone" (YANA) Program for disabled or home-bound seniors
(858) 565-5200
www.sdsheeriff.net

CASE NUMBER

RESOURCE GUIDE



San Diego County Sheriff's Department *Keeping the Peace Since 1850*

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**DIAL 911 FOR CRIMES IN PROGRESS,
MEDICAL AID AND LIFE THREATENING
EMERGENCIES**

For non-emergencies call
1-858-565-5200 or visit the Sheriff's
Department's website at:

WWW.SDSHERIFF.NET

VICTIM INFORMATION

According to the California Constitution, a "victim is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act."

The San Diego District Attorney's Office's Victim Services Program offers comprehensive services to victims and witnesses of all types of crimes. You may contact them at **(619) 531-4041** or visit their website: www.sdcca.org

To learn more about your rights as a victim (also known as "Marsy's Law"); visit the Office of the Attorney General at:

www.oag.ca.gov/victimservices

Additional Resources

San Diego County Sheriff's Department website
www.sdsheriff.net/communityoutreach

Native American Community

Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition
(760) 505-1194 (serving North County)

Southern Indian Health Council
(800) 400-1189 (serving East County)

Resources for Men

Men's Legal Center (619) 239-5100
National DV Hotline (800) 799-7233

Mental Health Counseling

Crisis Team Hotline (800) 479-3339

San Diego Youth Services

24-Hour Crisis Services (866) 752-2327

Spanish Speaking Agencies

Casa Familiar (619) 428-1115
Crisis Team (800) 479-3339

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence and emotional abuse are behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Men, women, children, elders and pets can all be victims of domestic violence. Law enforcement may make an arrest of your abuser even without your cooperation pursuant to California Penal Code Section 13701(b). Visit www.sdsheriff.net/dv to learn how seek a restraining order. There are community-based organizations that you may contact regarding your incident.

San Diego Domestic Violence Hotline
(888) 385-4657

Emergency Shelters

- Becky's House / YWCA
(619) 234-3164
- Women's Resource Center
(760) 757-3500
- Center for Community Solutions
(888) 385-4657

North County Family Violence Prevention Center
(760) 798-2835
www.familyviolencepreventioncenter.org

South Bay Community Services
(800) 640-2933
www.southbaycommunityservices.org

License to Freedom (assisting Refugee and Immigrant Communities in East County)
(619) 401-2800
www.licensetofreedom.org

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center
(619) 692-2077
www.thecentersd.org

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault by a stranger or a person known to you, including your spouse, is a crime. If you are raped or sexually assaulted, call 9-1-1 immediately to report the crime. **DO NOT** wash, shower, douche, change clothes or brush your teeth. Doing so could possibly destroy or contaminate evidence.

San Diego County utilizes a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) concept. The SART consists of a nurse examiner that has been specially trained to provide a forensic evidentiary exam and medical support, a law enforcement officer to conduct an investigation of the crime and emergency assistance for the victim, and a victim advocate to provide emotional support. For more information call: **Sheriff's Department Sexual Assault Unit at (858) 974-2316.**

There are community-based organizations that you may contact regarding your incident.

National Sexual Assault Hotline
(800) 656-4673

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