

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AT HOME:

BREAKING YOUR LEASE

Sexual abuse, sexual assault and sexual harassment are forms of sexual violence, and like verbal, psychological or physical violence, are never justifiable. Sexual abuse and assault can be defined as any non-consensual sexual contact, while sexual harassment includes unwanted sexual advances and comments.

If your safety, or that of a child living with you, is threatened because of spousal/partner violence or sexual violence you can break your lease. You do not have to file a complaint with the police to be allowed to end your lease for spousal/partner violence or sexual violence. In the case of sexual violence, the perpetrator does not have to be a spouse/partner, or former spouse/partner.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE:

- You, or the child who lives with you, have experienced any form of sexual assault in your home or in your neighbourhood.
- You, or the child who lives with you, are afraid of being sexually assaulted by someone who knows your address and has previously threatened you.

- You, or the child who lives with you, have been victims of exhibitionism or voyeurism in your home, building or neighbourhood.

In order to break your lease because of spousal/partner violence or sexual violence you will need to notify your landlord of the situation, your wish to end the lease and provide your landlord with an “attestation”. An attestation is a document from the office of the *Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales* (or in some cases, the Municipal Court of Montreal) stating that you have been the victim of spousal/partner violence or sexual violence and giving you the right to end your lease.

If you need the form to request an attestation, help filling it out, or want to talk to someone about your experience please contact the Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC) by phone, email, or come by and see us in GM 300.27.

Drop-In hours are Monday to Friday, 10-4 p.m.

SARC coordinator: 514-848-2424 ext. 3353

Drop-In: 514-848-2424 ext.5937

Email: sarc@concordia.ca





HELPFUL RESOURCES

ON CAMPUS

Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)
SGW H 645, 514-848-2424 ext. 3353

Counselling & Psychological Services
SGW H-440, 514-848-2424 ext. 3545
LOY AD-103, 514-848-2424 ext. 3555

Health Services
SGW GM-200, 514-848-2424 ext. 3565
LOY AD 131, 514-848-2424 ext. 3575

Office of Rights and Responsibilities
SGW GM-1120, 514- 848-2424 ext. 8659

Centre for Gender Advocacy
2110 Mackay St., 514-848-2424 ext. 7431

OFF CAMPUS

Montreal Sexual Assault Centre (designated centre)
(8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) 514-934-0354

Montreal General Hospital (designated centre)
(5 p.m. onwards) 514-934-8090

Sexual Assault Centres
(CALACS) 514-529-5252

Crime victim's assistance centres
(CAVAC) 514-277-9860

**Help and information centre on sexual harassment
in the workplace** (GAIHST) 514-526-0789

Sexual Assault Provincial Helpline (24/7)
1-888-933-9007 or 514-933-9007 in Montreal

WHO WE ARE

The Sexual Assault Resource Centre provides confidential and non-judgmental support to Concordia University students, staff and faculty of all genders and orientations who have been affected by sexual violence and/or harassment.

Through education and awareness raising initiatives, the Sexual Assault Resource Centre is committed to working towards the prevention of sexual violence and

harassment. Our services include crisis intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, outreach and referrals.

We are committed to providing services that are inclusive, appropriate and relevant to a diversity of people and survivor experiences.

For more information and resources please contact the Sexual Assault Resource Centre at:
Phone: 514-848-2424 ext. 3353
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LEARN MORE AT: concordia.ca/sarc

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