

# WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

Sexual violence is a broad phrase that describes any unwanted sexual activity that happens without someone's consent.

#### Consent

Consent means agreeing to sexual activity freely and willingly without being forced, deceived, or coerced.

### **Common Terms**

These are other phrases that represent different types of sexual violence: rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, sex trafficking.

## **Sexual Abuse**

Legal term used and referenced from lowa Law. It is defined as a sex act between persons when the act is done by force or against the will of the other. \*

\*The definition may change depending on the age of the person and the type of sexual crime

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