

# Crime Victims' Institute



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## Our Mission

The mission of the Crime Victims' Institute is to :

- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization
- Improve services to victims
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice
- Inform victim-related policy-making at the state and local levels.

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April is...

## *Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month*

**One in three Texans experience sexual assault at some point in their lifetime.**

**Sexual assault victims are more likely to experience certain medical conditions, as well as physical, mental, and emotional problems.**

**Less than 10% of victims report their experiences to police.**

"Health and Well-Being: Statewide Sexual Assault Prevalence Study, Final Report"

~Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, UT Austin

<http://sites.utexas.edu/idvsa/>

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

<http://taasa.org/>

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Following is an excerpt from Franklin & Garza (2017), "Sexual Assault: An Overview."

The full report and others in the Campus Sexual Assault Series produced by the Crime Victims' Institute at Sam Houston State University can be found at:

<http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/publications/>

Sexual assault happens with frequency both among the general public and on college campuses. Official data and self-report surveys have demonstrated that, among the general population, 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will experience an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime (Tjaden & Thoennes, 2000). On college campuses, women face increased odds of victimization, where between 20 to 25% of women will experience unwanted sexual contact or attempted/completed rape during their time in college (Fisher, Turner, & Cullen, 2000; Franklin, 2010). This vulnerability to victimization has prompted widespread efforts toward prevention and response to sexual assault. The current issue of the Sexual Assault series provides an overview of sexual assault, prevalence data, perpetrator characteristics, risk factors and consequences of victimization for survivors.

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CVI Affiliated Faculty have extensive experience with research projects and publications addressing a variety of issues related to sexual assault. See selected publications below:

⇒ **Leana Bouffard**

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APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

GET INVOLVED AT [NSVRC.ORG/SAAM](https://www.nsvrc.org/saam)

Sexual Assault  
Awareness Month





## In the Works...

Look for upcoming publications from the Crime Victims' Institute:

- Evaluation of an Expedited Domestic Violence Court
- Strangulation in Intimate Partner Violence Cases
- Domestic Violence Offender Specialization
- Campus Sexual Assault Series

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Looking  
Ahead...

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**NATIONAL  
CRIME VICTIMS'  
RIGHTS WEEK**

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**APRIL 2-8 ★ 2017**

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**STRENGTH  
RESILIENCE  
JUSTICE**

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**WE CAN HELP**

**Victim service providers  
help victims rebuild  
their lives. We can help  
you learn about your  
legal rights and  
options, cope with the  
impact of crime, access  
victim compensation,  
develop a safety plan,  
and navigate the  
criminal justice and  
social service systems.**

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## Share your ideas:

We welcome your input. Please send issues or topics you would like to see CVI conduct research on to :

[crimevictims@shsu.edu](mailto:crimevictims@shsu.edu)

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## Upcoming Events



Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Kansas City, MO	March 21-25, 2017
International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL	March 27-30, 2017
National Crime Victims' Rights Week	April 2-8, 2017
International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Systems Change Orlando, FL	April 18-20, 2017
Texas Victim Services Association 20th Anniversary Celebration and Biannual Conference South Padre Island, TX	May 2-5, 2017
Conference on Crimes Against Women Dallas, TX	May 22-27, 2017
National Sexual Assault Conference Dallas, TX	June 7-9, 2017

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