

ABBOTSFORD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Victim Services Unit



Victim Services Mandate:

Lessen trauma
Prevent re-victimization
Empower
Make appropriate referrals

Who we are

- Abbotsford Police Victim Services is part of the Patrol Branch
- We are a volunteer-based unit under the supervision of two Victim Services Coordinators:
 - Cassidy Baker
 - Sue Shaw
 - 30 volunteers

What we do

- Provide on-scene crisis response and follow up to victims (includes emotional support, court information/updates and referrals)
- Files are referred to the unit by Abby PD Members, police-based victim services units, Crown Counsel or victim self-referrals
- The unit averages 2,000 new files per year while maintaining pre-existing files simultaneously
- The unit attends approximately 85 crisis response calls per year

Services Provided...

- Emotional Support
- Assistance with completion of forms
- Information and Preparation
- Crisis Response/Attendance on scene
- Court Services
- Referrals (ex. Sara For Women, Abbotsford Hospice, Archway Specialized Victim Assistance Program, ICBC, Worksafe)

Occurrence Types

- Abduction/Kidnapping
- Adult Survivor of Sexual Assault
- Adult Sexual Assault
- Attempted Murder
- Child Physical Assault/Abuse
- Child Sexual Assault
- Criminal Harassment
- Industrial Accident
- Missing Person
- Murder/Manslaughter
- MVA/Fatal MVA
- Natural Disaster
- Other Assault (non-familial)
- Other Familial Assault
- Other Crime
- Other Non-Criminal
- Partner Assault
- Property Crime (B&E)
- Robbery
- Senior Abuse
- Sudden Death
- Suicide/Attempted Suicide
- Threatening
- Youth Sexual Assault



Crisis Response & Follow up Support

Once a report has been made to Abbotsford Police:

- Victim Services will be requested from the investigating officer
- Depending on the needs of the file, we will either deliver immediate crisis response or follow up support

Victim Services can provide:

- Emotional support and referrals
- Transition house placement and transportation
- Transportation to ARH for Forensic Nurse exam
- Support to victims and child minding during interviews
- Justice System information and court updates/support

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WE WILL BE WAITING
WITH ARMS AND LEGS
DISPELLING DARKNESS

Strength in Community

VICTIM SERVICES

