

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy 2025-2035 at a glance

The Vision: All people in Western Australia are free from sexual violence

Principles

Person centred and accessible

Holistic and integrated

Life course

Intersectional

Aboriginal self-determination

Evidence-based

Accountable

Domains

Strategic objective	Prevention	Early intervention	Responses	Recovery and healing	Strategic objective
	Stop sexual violence before it happens by promoting healthy, respectful, safe and consensual relationships (sexual and non-sexual) and prevent sexual violence across all settings – private, public, social, institutional, online, and workplace.	Stop sexual violence from escalating or reoccurring.	Recognise and respond to all forms of sexual violence when it occurs.	Support long-term recovery and healing approaches for victim-survivors, families and communities.	
	Governments, organisations, service systems and the broader community work together to promote healthy, respectful and safe relationships. Prevent sexual violence by changing attitudes, behaviours and conditions that drive sexual violence.	Identify and address known risk factors and early signs of sexual violence at individual, organisational, community and institutional levels.	Provide victim-survivors with access to integrated and coordinated, trauma-informed and culturally safe responses and services that support their individual needs. Hold perpetrators to account and support them to change their behaviours and attitudes to prevent further harm.	People who have experienced sexual violence have access to effective approaches that support immediate and long-term recovery and healing for victim-survivors, including those with complex support needs, and those who may have repeated current or historical experiences of violence and abuse.	
How it will be achieved					How it will be achieved
Focus areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness and address the drivers of sexual violence • Programs for children and young people to promote consent and respectful relationships and build skills to recognise and challenge problematic or harmful content • Partner with community organisations and Aboriginal Organisations for responsive prevention • Improve system-wide coordination and pathways for prevention of sexual violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address risk factors that enable sexual violence • Support children and young people displaying concerning and harmful sexual behaviours • Implement measures to eliminate sexual harassment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a sustainable specialist support system for victim-survivors • Build mainstream service capability to identify and respond to victim-survivors in a trauma-informed, culturally safe and responsive way • Strengthen evidence-based interventions for perpetrators to support behaviour change and increase accountability • Reform criminal justice agencies, processes and laws to meet community expectations, increase perpetrator accountability, and improve experiences for victim-survivors • Enhance service collaboration for comprehensive victim-survivor support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the services and supports that assist victim-survivors' healing and recovery, including specialist and mainstream responses • Collaborate with community organisations and Aboriginal Organisations for responsive healing • Embed lived experience in sexual violence reform decision-making 	Focus areas

System Enablers

Partnership and Collaboration

Monitoring and Evaluation

Data Collection

Information Sharing

Resourcing

Workforce Development

Change Outcomes

Shifting Community Attitudes and Behaviours

Community attitudes, knowledge, awareness and behaviour reflects an understanding of positive, respectful and safe sexual and non-sexual relationships and sexual behaviours. Myths, misconceptions and harmful attitudes around sexual violence are reduced.

Accessible and Effective Specialist Services

Appropriate and effective specialist sexual violence services and supports are accessible for Western Australians who need them.

Intervention and Accountability for Perpetrators

Perpetrators of sexual violence are held accountable and receive intervention to stop their behaviour.

Support for Recovery and Healing

People impacted by sexual violence are supported in their recovery and healing by coordinated accessible specialist and trauma-informed mainstream services that address their individual needs, underpinned by a skilled and capable workforce.

Coordinated, Evidence-Based, and Responsive System

Sexual violence prevention and response is coordinated, evidence based and informed by people with specialist expertise and lived experience.

Evidence-Driven Prevention and Response

Government builds an evidence base that informs comprehensive, inclusive and culturally safe action in preventing and responding to sexual violence.