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• Pulau Pinang (Ibu Pejabat)	04-222 1522
• Timur Laut	04-218 1822
• Barat Daya	04-866 2222
• Seberang Perai Utara	04-576 2222
• Seberang Perai Tengah	04-538 2222
• Seberang Perai Selatan	04-585 8222

POLICE STATIONS

• Dato' Keramat	04-227 1422
• Jalan Patani	04-218 1844
• Kampung Baru	04-828 8522
• Pulau Tikus	04-228 0422
• Air Itam	04-826 8522
• Bandar Baru	04-828 4522
• Bukit Bendera	04-829 9422
• Batu Feringghi	04-881 1434
• Tanjung Tokong	04-890 3444
• Sungai Nibong	04-643 0222
• Jelutong	04-282 5922

HOSPITAL

EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA UNIT

• Hospital Pulau Pinang	04-222 5333
• Hospital Seberang Jaya	04-382 7333
• Hospital Balik Pulau	04-866 9333
• Hospital Bukit Mertajam	04-549 7333
• Hospital Sungai Bakap	04-582 4333

WELFARE OFFICES

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

• KOMTAR	04-650 5258
• Timur Laut	04-226 4531
• Balik Pulau	04-866 8442
• Bukit Mertajam	04-538 2584
• Butterworth	04-575 8715
• Jawi / Nibong Tebal	04-582 1798

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the following services:**

**Counselling and
emotional support**

Legal advice

Temporary shelter to stay

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RAPE
**IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT**

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What is Rape?

Rape is a crime of violence which is sexual in nature. Legally, rape is the insertion of the penis into your vagina against your will or without your consent. If you are under sixteen years old, sex with or without your consent is statutory rape.

Other crimes involving sexual violence

Forced anal sex, insertion of objects into your vagina, mouth or anus, may be more degrading or violent, but it is not legally rape. However, these acts may constitute the crimes of outrage of modesty, outrage of decency, carnal intercourse or attempted rape.

Rape is . . .

- **NOT** sex. It is violence. Rapists use force to assert control and power over you. Sex is used as a weapon to degrade you. Rape is an expression of violence, anger and power meant to hurt and humiliate you.
- **NOT** your fault. You do not provoke rape. You do not ask to be raped by wearing sexy clothing or acting sexy. No woman's behaviour gives a man the right to rape her.
- **NOT** committed by strangers only. Most women know their rapists. The rapist may be your neighbour, friend, boyfriend even a family member or other relative.

- **NOT** something which happens to young women only. Toddlers, elderly women and women from all walks of life are raped.
- **NOT** something that only happens at night and in isolated places. Rape happens at any time of the day or night. Rape can also occur in "safe places" like homes, schools and workplaces. Rape can happen at any time, any place.

If you are raped...

Do not wash up, or change clothes.

Your first instinct may be to clean yourself. But it is very important that you get a medical examination before you wash yourself. Seminal and blood fluids, mud, debris, fibres, hairs, and clothes are all evidence.

Get support from a relative/friend.

Ask a supportive person to go with you to the Hospital and the Police Station. It may be traumatic to recount details of the rape to the doctor and the police on your own.

Go to the Emergency and Trauma Unit at a government hospital immediately for a medical examination.

The Hospital staff will notify the Police. A police report may be made at the Hospital. You may also choose to go to the police station to make your report. If you go to the police station first, a policewoman should accompany you to the Hospital.

At the Hospital

You will first be provided with forms requesting your approval for the medical examination, and that the information be used for police investigation. The doctor will examine you and your genital areas. Your clothes will also be examined.

The Police investigation

After the first police report, a police - woman (Investigating Officer) will be assigned to investigate your case. A detailed statement will be taken. You may be required to attend an identification parade to identify the alleged rapist.

After the Police investigation

The Government, through the Deputy Public Prosecutor (DPP), is responsible for prosecuting your case. The DPP will decide whether to press charges, or not. If there is sufficient evidence, the DPP will press charges.

The Court Process

You are the complainant who will be required to give evidence in Court as a witness. You do not require a lawyer, but engaging your own lawyer may provide additional support before, and during the trial (by holding a watching brief). When you give evidence about the details of the rape, the Court may order the public to leave the courtroom. This is referred to as hearing *in camera*.

Punishment for Rape

Section 376 of the Penal Code states that whoever commits rape shall be punished with imprisonment up to a maximum of 20 years, and shall be liable to whipping.

Note: The Malaysian law does not recognise rape within a marriage. But in Section 375A of the Penal Code, a husband who causes hurt, threatens, or hurt his wife in order to have sexual intercourse, shall be punished with imprisonment up to 5 years.

UNDERSTANDING RAPE

If you have been raped, you may feel angry, hurt, fear, anxiety, nervous, guilt or shame. You may also appear calm and composed or may withdraw yourself for days. These reactions are normal.

Remember, rape is a crime committed against you. It is not your fault. It is helpful to discuss your feelings with someone you trust or you can call WCC for help.