

▶ If a friend told you he was sexually abused, how could you help?

Listen.

Believe.

Accept his trust in you.

Understand the pressures he faces as a man.

Encourage him to access support.



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livingwell.org.au provides information and support to men who have experienced sexual abuse, to partners, friends and family.

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1 in 6 men have experienced childhood sexual abuse. Over 70% have never told anyone.

Men do not speak about an experience of sexual assault for many reasons: out of a sense of shame or responsibility...because they think it is too late or the pain will be too great...because they feel pressure as a man to cope on their own...out of concern they will not be believed or will be treated differently.

Ways you can help:

Listen you don't have to give advice.

Believe resist the temptation to ask for extra details.

Accept his trust in you.

Encourage him to access appropriate support.

Information and support is available at livingwell.org.au


