To navigate the State and Federal Laws section:

1. Click on the link ‘View your state laws.’

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If you are interested, you can compare it to other states by selecting another state from the dropdown menu.
View your state's laws.

Explore another state:
Select State
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Federal and State Laws: Sexual Assault

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2. After reviewing then expand the section 'Statues' and review.
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Taking Action

Contributing to a supportive community includes recognizing and taking action when you see something inappropriate, risky, or potentially dangerous. While taking action may feel uncomfortable or even dangerous if you don’t know what to do, arming yourself with strategies may give you the opportunity to safely support someone who is in a potentially harmful situation. One way to think of these strategies is as the “four Ds” — Direct, Distract, Delegate, and Delay.

Use the arrows to read about each of the four Ds of taking action.

Direct

If you feel confident in the environment and it appears to be safe to do so, direct intervention is the most immediate way to take action. This involves offering to help the person who seems uncomfortable or at risk or interrupting the person who is creating the situation.

Even a simple, direct question can let someone know that you’re aware they’re uncomfortable and you’re available to help. An example of this approach might sound like: “Hey, is everything OK?” You could also opt to interrupt the person whose behavior is making someone else uncomfortable by asking, “What’s going on here?” or “Can I talk to you for a minute?” This lets them know that you’ve noticed the situation and are willing to intervene.
I have gotten you past the 2 sections in the red box.

You are now at Taking Action

Follow these steps at the next ‘Laws’ section.