

## Form A

### Sexual Assault Disclosure Scheme (SADS)

SADS No: \_\_\_\_\_ (Office Use Only)

#### IMPORTANT

All information on this form will remain the exclusive property of Bravehearts Inc.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Post this form together with proof of your name and address (e.g. a copy of your drivers licence) to:

*Bravehearts Inc. PO Box 575, Arundel BC, QLD 4214*

Form B will be sent to you and must be posted to the Police service address on the form. To ensure proper consideration of this disclosure, it is important that both forms be completed and returned.

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Was this offence committed against you or someone else (e.g. your child)?

You       Someone Else

Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Your Contact Details

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**To help us ensure you get the correct support:**

In which State or Territory did the offence occur? \_\_\_\_\_

*Your vital involvement helps us to provide this invaluable service aimed at protecting innocent children, validating survivors and identifying offenders.*



#### National Office

Phone 07 5552 3000 | Fax 07 5552 3088

Freecall Crisis Line: 1800 BRAVE 1

Postal: PO Box 575, Arundel BC, QLD 4214

Email: [admin@bravehearts.org.au](mailto:admin@bravehearts.org.au)



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“We must accept that we will never know who the child sexual predators are until the victims tell us and that the victims will never tell us until we provide an environment that encourages and helps them to do so.”

*Hetty Johnston, Bravehearts Inc.  
Founder & Executive Director*

Bravehearts understands that many victims need the belief and/or validation of others to gain the strength to disclose and to heal. Bravehearts also recognises that disclosure, awareness and education are the best weapons against the continuing sexual assault of children.

The Sexual Assault Disclosure Scheme (SADS) was created with the help of the Queensland Police, Queensland Crime Commission, Criminal Justice Commission, Attorney General’s Office, Commission for Children and Young People, the Public Defenders and the Department of Public Prosecutions, and is administered by Bravehearts. It provides a safe, anonymous and protective opportunity for survivors to seek and find an active willingness by authorities to register their allegations of sexual assault.



Through SADS, survivors of child sexual assault are provided with an official, non-threatening means to disclose their experiences to the police. SADS provides a reporting avenue that does not require a detailed statement, nor direct police contact, until such time as the survivor is ready to proceed.

**The choice to proceed will always remain with the participant!**

The Sexual Assault Disclosure Scheme will help to identify offenders everywhere, inside and outside of institutions, organisations and family units.

The intention of Bravehearts is to provide a non-confronting, safe and secure contact point for victims with a bottom line agenda of protecting children against sexual assault.

Our aim is to make the incredibly difficult decision of disclosure a little easier.

## An Outline

The SADS involves two forms carrying a unique ‘link ID No’ (e.g. 09/09).

The first form (Form A) contains questions requiring basic contact details of the participant and the provision of proof of name and address as validation of the identity of the participant.

This form is to be completed and posted to Bravehearts (SADS). This information will remain protected by Bravehearts Inc.

### IT REQUIRES NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLEGED OFFENDER

The second form (Form B) contains questions about the alleged offender and calls for basic details of the alleged offences. This form is completed and posted directly to the Police.

### IT REQUIRES NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVIVOR

If you would like to participate in the Scheme, please fill out Form A on the back of this brochure, post it to us and we will send you Form B.

**For more information, contact us on**

**1800 BRAVE 1 (272 831)**

**or email**

**advocacy@bravehearts.org.au**

**The Sexual Assault Disclosure Scheme encourages survivors to disclose and as such, stands to protect thousands of children from exposure and possible assault by these known sexual predators.**



Many challenges exist in the identification, reporting and disclosure of child sex offenders and offences. These include:

- ♥ Fear of breaking the silence and coming forward;
- ♥ Fears that the victims’ story will not be heard let alone believed or validated;
- ♥ The victims themselves are increasingly isolated by their own fear, shame and self persecution;
- ♥ Fear and lack of faith in the establishment/authority figures;
- ♥ Anxiety about their own families and society’s potential disbelief, intolerance and lack of support;
- ♥ Fear that disclosure will result in them being treated ‘differently’ by friends and family;
- ♥ Concerns about confidentiality, losing control of the situation; and
- ♥ No confidence or gratification in the sentencing/justice outcomes.

SADS acts to support survivors in overcoming these barriers.