



## SYSTEM FAILURE ALERT! Report Form

**System Failure Alert!** is a grass-roots project based in Seattle/King County and surrounding areas in Washington State that empowers street youth and other people by sharing our stories and experiences about “system failures”—problems we encounter with social services, medical providers, law enforcement, transit, and other systems that are supposed to help us but often fail to do so—and how we deal with these problems and take care of ourselves.

“**System failures**” include: verbal or physical violence, harassment, threats, rejection, discrimination (race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, source of income, housing status, etc.), judgmental attitudes, policies and procedures that are unfair, and other mistreatment by institutions and organizations that are supposed to help us. We collect and share these stories to establish patterns of systemic abuse, build power for ourselves, and hold the offending institutions accountable.

Reports are **ANONYMOUS**. After removing personally identifiable information, we would use part of your story in SFA! zines, online, or in educating the public so that other people can learn from your experience and make institutions treat us better.

There are several different ways to make a report.

- Use our online report form at <http://systemfailurealert.org/report>
- Text or leave voicemail at **(713) 364-4475**. Please note it can only record up to 3 minutes. Call back if you couldn't finish reporting the first time. It might help if you look at the questions on the online form as you text or record your message.
- Email us at [report@systemfailurealert.org](mailto:report@systemfailurealert.org)
- Fill out this form, and mail the completed form to **SFA!/CHR, PO Box 3484, Federal Way, WA 98063**.
- Reports can be taken at any of our community partner organizations. List of these groups are posted online.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

email: [info@systemfailurealert.org](mailto:info@systemfailurealert.org)

web: <http://systemfailurealert.org/>

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## Are you reporting about your own experience?

*you can make a report for someone else with his or her permission*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, this is my story.  
\_\_\_\_\_ No, I'm making a report for someone else.

## If you are making a report for someone, what is your relationship to that person?

*like friend, partner, brother/sister, case worker, etc.*

## How old are you? (Or, how old is the person you are making a report for?)

- \_\_\_\_\_ under 18  
\_\_\_\_\_ 18-24  
\_\_\_\_\_ 25-54  
\_\_\_\_\_ over 55

## Tell us about yourself. (Or, tell us about the person you are making a report for.)

*what race/gender/sexuality do you identify? what else do you think might help us understand where you are coming from or the context for the system failure?*

## What “system” caused the problem?

*like police, hospital, youth shelter, etc. please be as specific as possible—like which police station, which clinic, etc.*

## What other describing information can you give about this “system”?

*like police car number, badge number, names of people, etc.*

## Where did this “system failure” occur? What city? What part of town?

*like "Capitol Hill in Seattle" or "Downtown Auburn"—be as specific as possible*

**When did this “system failure” occur?**

*try to use a specific date and time, or guess as close as possible*

**Tell us what happened as best as you can.**

*details are very helpful!*

**How did you respond?**

*this can include: running away, calling friends for help, talking your way out of trouble, etc.*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

**Thank you for sharing your story!**