

A Survivor's Rights

Every victim of sexual assault should have the right:

- ✓ To be treated with respect from institutional, medical, and law enforcement professionals.
- ✓ To speak confidentially with a sexual assault advocate, and to have the advocate present for any medical and/or criminal justice proceedings.
- ✓ To speak confidentially with an emergency room nurse without the requirement that the nurse will share the information with any other individual without the victim's permission.
- ✓ Speak confidentially with a law enforcement officer:
 1. To decide to report their assault and request an investigation of the assault.
 2. To decide to report their assault with NO additional follow up to be conducted.
 3. To request law enforcement to hold the Sexual Assault Examination Kit for TWO weeks until a decision to conduct a follow up investigation can be reached.
- ✓ To receive a Sexual Assault Examination Kit at NO COST.
- ✓ To refuse any or all steps of the Sexual Assault Examination Kit.
- ✓ To cooperate in the prosecution of their perpetrator.
- ✓ To refuse to prosecute their perpetrator.
- ✓ To have as much credibility as a victim of any other crime.
- ✓ To refuse to speak with law enforcement officers, medical personnel, or sexual assault advocate(s).

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