

## Investigations Approach to Sexual Assault Victims

1. Patrol Officers will meet with the victim for an initial report, during the initial report, generally detailed questions will not be asked.
2. In cases that necessitate a medical exam to be done, they can be done both at St George Regional Hospital as well as Hurricanes Emergency Department.
3. All sex offenses will be handled by the Investigations Division.
4. Investigators will utilize trauma-informed practices with the victim, including coordinating contact with a victim's advocate, scheduling an interview with a forensic interviewer that specializes in sexual assault cases as well as SANE Nurses who are trained in these specific cases.
5. Investigators will then follow up on the interview as well as any other interviews that need to be done with witnesses, and suspect(s).
6. Due to the complicated nature of these cases, they can take time to gather evidence, conduct interviews, and any other necessary follow-up.
7. Investigators will keep in contact with the victim(s) about the status of their case(s) throughout the investigation.

\*Washington County Sheriff's Office  
Victim Advocate:

(435)-656-6505

Incident # \_\_\_\_\_

Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dove Center HART Team: 24-hour help  
line:  
435-628-0458  
Se habla español

Utah Legal Services: (435)-628-1604

Hurricane City Justice Court: (435)635-  
4072

Hurricane City Prosecutor: (435) 635-0422

5<sup>th</sup> District Court: (435)-986-5700

Washington County Attorney's Office:  
(435)-301-7100

Children's Justice Center:  
(435)-301-7190

Doctor's Volunteer Clinic:  
(435)-656-0022

# Sexual Assault Help



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Victim Services

# What is **sexual** **ASSAULT?**

According to the Department of Justice, "sexual assault is any type of contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient".

## **WHAT IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?**

**Forced Sexual Intercourse**  
**Forcible Sodomy**  
**Child Molestation/Incest**  
**Fondling or Inappropriate Touching**  
**Attempted or Completed Rape**  
**Sexual harassment may constitute unwanted sexual advances, crude or obscene remarks, and all other unwanted physical and verbal conduct of a sexual nature.**

## **CONSENT DEFINED**

**Consent is a verbal, sober permission given, which is also both conscious and willingly agreed upon. Consent is continuous and active. It can be retracted at any time.**

# **CONSENT IS NOT**

**COERCED | ASSUMED | SILENT | IMPLIED**

## How do I

# **GET HELP?**

Safety is always a top priority. If you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1. Contact a trusted friend or family member for support.

## **1. Reach out to a sexual assault service**

**provider** - Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE

## **2. Get to a hospital** - Even if you have

not sustained physical injuries, you can still receive a forensic medical exam to collect and preserve any evidence resulting from the assault.

A **SANE** (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) or **SART** (Sexual Assault Response Team) advocate will be there to help you through the process.

## **3. Contact the police** - You have the

choice to file a police report. This will create a legal record of the incident. If police respond to the scene, you are under no obligation to file a report at that time.

## **4. Do not worry about the cost** - Under

the Crime Victims Compensation program, victims will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses related to the assault. This includes the cost of the forensic medical exam (rape kit) performed at the hospital.

## **Resources for Information and Assistance**

National Center for Victims of Crime 202-467-8700  
[www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)  
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network 1-800-656-HOPE or 1-800-656-4673  
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)  
National Sexual Violence Resource Center 1-877-739-3895 [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

*We're here to help!*

## **SUICIDE HOTLINE**

**1-800-273-TALK**

## **24-HOUR CRISIS LINE**

**765-288-HELP**

## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

**[Loveisrespect.org](http://Loveisrespect.org)**

**[Ucasa.org](http://Ucasa.org)**

**Local: Dove Center**

**435-628-0458**

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