YOUR RIGHTS as a Survivor of Sexual Assault
Santa Clara County

You have the right to get answers, the right to information, and the right to know. This card explains your rights, options, and helpful resources available to you under California Law (Penal Code 680.2).

You Decide
It’s your choice to:
• Get a physical exam
• Be part of a criminal case, or
• Report the assault

No matter what you choose, you keep your rights.

A law enforcement officer or medical provider must provide you with a card that clearly spells out your rights.

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Local police departments work with the District Attorney’s Office to help victims.

Sexual assault medical forensic exams are available through Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
(408) 885-5000
Exam Locations:
Gilroy · San Jose

Survivor Resources in Santa Clara County
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Center for Child Protection 408-885-6460
District Attorney’s Office 408-299-7400
Child Protective Services 833-722-5437
Victim Services Unit 408-295-2656

Call or look up offender information here:
Santa Clara County Jail Booking 408-299-2306
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Date: __________ Incident Date: __________
Type of Incident: _________________________
Agency: ________________________________
Police Report No.: _______________________
Officer & Badge: _________________________
Officer Phone Number: ___________________
Notes: 

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You Have the Right To:
• Seek an Emergency Protection Order to help keep you safe. Ask a law enforcement officer if you would like one.
• Seek a Civil Protection Order with the support of a sexual assault counselor OR at the Restraining Order Help Center at: 408-534-5709 or www.sccscourt.org
• Request sex offender registry information from the prosecutor, if your assailant is convicted and required to register as a sex offender.
• Seek Financial Assistance from the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) to cover the costs arising from your assault and the process for applying. Contact Victim Services Unit at:(408) 295-2656 or victims.ca.gov
NOTE: You may have to take part in the criminal case to qualify for CalVCB.

You Have the Right To:
• Have a Confidential Sexual Assault Counselor (Victim Advocate) AND a person of your choice present during any exam or investigative interview.

You can reach a Sexual Assault Advocate 24 hours a day by calling:
YWCA Silicon Valley 1-800-572-2782
(Serving North County and Central County)
www.ywca-sv.org
Community Solutions 1-877-363-7238
(Serving South County and San Benito County)
www.communitysolutions.org

• Request a person of the same or opposite gender as you to be present in the room during any interview with law enforcement or the District Attorney.

You Have the Right To:
• Request in writing and receive a free copy of the initial crime report.
• Ask the status and results of the testing of all evidence related to your assault. For results contact the law enforcement agency.
• Know that DNA evidence on the body, clothing, and other items may last from 12 hours to 7 days. DNA and other evidence can breakdown over time due to exposure to heat, water, and other materials.
• Know the evidence related to your assault will be tested. By law, evidence should be taken to the Crime Lab within 20 days by Law Enforcement and tested within 120 days.
• Know that evidence related to your assault must be kept for 20 years, or until age 40 for victims under age 18. In Santa Clara County, the evidence will be kept indefinitely.