

**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

Adult/Adolescent SA Program 408-885-6466

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

VINELink.com

Victims of sexual assault and/or domestic violence should report abuse to local police departments.

Local police departments are not ICE.

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

Date: _____ Incident Date: _____

Type of Incident: _____

Agency: _____

Police Report No.: _____

Officer & Badge: _____

Officer Phone Number: _____

Notes:

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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.

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](tel:408-534-5709) or www.scscourt.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](tel: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.