

Reporting Sexual Assault

When Reporting to Law Enforcement...

- ◇ The police report may take place at the hospital.
- ◇ If you decide not to seek medical attention, you may file the report with your local law enforcement agency.
- ◇ If you choose to have a forensic rape exam, an officer will arrive to talk to you and ensure that proper procedures are followed. The officer may stand in the doorway or just outside the door of the examining room to make sure the chain of evidence from the exam is preserved.
- ◇ The officer will want to find out what happened and will ask very personal questions that may seem accusatory. By asking you such detailed questions, the officer is establishing an understanding of the event that took place in order to determine the next step of the investigation. Some of the questions may include:
 - What happened? Where? When? How?
 - Did you freely engage in any of the sexual activities? Did you say "no"? Did you resist?
 - Was there penetration? Vaginal and/or anal? Oral? Digital? Objects?
 - Were there drugs/alcohol involved? Were you and/or the perpetrator intoxicated/high?
- ◇ You may be asked to repeat your story several times by law enforcement.
- ◇ We understand it will be difficult to discuss such personal things. In order to document your assault and prosecute someone successfully, it is important you provide as much detail as possible.

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24-Hour Hotline
Collect Crisis Calls Accepted

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What to Expect When Reporting Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault to Law Enforcement



Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse

Help for victims and
survivors of domestic
violence and
sexual assault

24 hour Crisis Hotline
(509) 332-HELP
Or
(208) 883-HELP

Reporting Domestic Violence

When Reporting to Law Enforcement...

- ◇ They can give you and your children a ride to a hospital or a safe place. They can go with you to your house to get clothes, medicine and other important items. If you are leaving your house, the officer(s) will wait while you pack for your immediate needs, if you ask them to.
- ◇ They will listen to you and make a written statement. Get the police as much detail as possible. If you have injuries, tell the officer so photographs and medical attention can be administered. Show the officer(s) any evidence such as torn or bloody clothing, broken objects, and/or weapons, so they can take them as evidence. Give them the names and telephone numbers of any witnesses.
- ◇ If you ask for them, the officer will give you a list of resources in the community that you can call for help and information.
- ◇ Show the officer(s) any legal or court papers that you may have, such as a no contact order, protection order, or a restraining order.

When Law Enforcement Takes an Abuser to Jail...

- ◇ He/she may be released quickly. Most likely, the abuser will be given the opportunity to post a bond. **Be Prepared.** Release may take place within a few hours. If released, there will be a no contact order placed on the abuser, meaning they cannot have contact with you. If your abuser attempts to contact you, you can call the police.
- ◇ You can check with either the officer and/or the jail to see if your abuser will be released so you can make a safety plan.

Forensic Rape Exam or Medical Exam?

- A forensic rape exam is a physical examination of the body by a trained nurse/doctor that is designed specifically to collect evidence to help show that a crime was perpetrated upon a person. The exam is best conducted within 72 hours of a sexual assault and before the victim showers or uses the bathroom if possible. ATVP advocates are available 24 hours a day to support you through the exam process and explain your options.

- A medical examination is conducted for the purpose of assessing bodily injury in order to provide you with any necessary health care. Doctors/nurses will not collect evidence during a medical exam. Medical exams will detect and treat you for injuries, Sexually Transmitted Infections, the possibility of pregnancy, and to determine if further medical care is needed. Medical exams are not covered by the Crime Victims Compensation Program.

Crime Victims Rights

Crime Victims Compensation Act

If you have no medical insurance, or if your insurance does not cover it, Washington law aids victims suffering from bodily and psychological injury to obtain medical and work loss benefits. The Dept. of Labor & Industries will determine eligibility based on established criteria. You are eligible for CVC regardless of whether your perpetrator is prosecuted. For information, call the Victim/Witness Coordinator in the Prosecutor's office at **(509) 397-6250** or an ATVP advocate at **332-4357** in Washington or **883-4357** in Idaho.

You Have a Right as a Victim of Crime:

- ◇ To be free from intimidation.
- ◇ To be told about available compensation and court appearances.
- ◇ To be told about social service agencies that can help you.

Law Enforcement Information

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

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WHITMAN COUNTY

- ◇ Pullman Police Dept. (509) 334-0802
- ◇ WSU Police Dept. (509) 335-2677
- ◇ Sheriff Dept Dispatch (509) 397-4341
- ◇ Colfax Police Dept. (509) 397-4616
- ◇ Prosecuting Attorney (509) 397-6250
- ◇ Palouse Chief of Police (509) 878-1611
- ◇ Colfax Courthouse (509) 397-4622
- ◇ Pullman Courthouse (509) 332-2065
- ◇ Tekoa Police Dept. (509) 284-2761

LATAH COUNTY:

- ◇ Moscow Police Dept. (208) 882-2677
- ◇ Latah County Courthouse (208) 882-8580
- ◇ Sheriff Dept. (208) 882-2216
- ◇ Troy Police Dept. (208) 835-3190
- ◇ Genesee Police Dept. (208) 882-2216
- ◇ Kendrick Police Dept. (208) 882-2216
- ◇ Juliaetta (208) 882-2216
- ◇ Prosecuting Attorney (208) 882-8580

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ARE NEVER YOUR FAULT