

Sexual Assault Follow-Up

Ask the law enforcement officer for the **kit number**.

If the evidence is tested, you can contact the Department of Justice Victims' Services Unit for general status of sexual assault kit entered into the **SAFE-T** database. You can do so by leaving a message with your contact information & kit number to **(877) 433-9069**.

-OR-

Contact the law enforcement agency that took the report.

Statute of Limitations

The evidence related to your assault must be kept for **20 YEARS**, or for victims under age 18 at the the time of the offense, until your **40TH BIRTHDAY**.

Crime Report

You have the right to request in writing and receive a **FREE COPY OF THE INITIAL CRIME REPORT** related to your assault.

After Conviction

If your assailant is convicted and required to register as a sex offender, you have the right to **REQUEST THEIR SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION**

Resources

You have the right to contact your local rape crisis center & speak to advocates that keep conversations private. You can contact the **Women's Center Youth & Family Services** at: **(209) 465-4997**
www.womenscenteryfs.org

For more detailed information on how the criminal justice process works & other services contact the **San Joaquin County District Attorney's Victim-Witness Office** at: **(209) 468-2500**
www.sjgov.org/da/victim-witness-services

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) – The nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.
(800) 656-HOPE
<https://www.rainn.org/>

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-7233
www.thehotline.org

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline – 24-Hour Hotline:
888-373-7888
www.humantraffickinghotline.org

California Attorney General's Office – Victims' Services Unit – Connects victims to local victim support and information resources. Provides information and updates on the appeals process.
(877) 433-9069
www.oag.ca.gov/victimservices

YOUR RIGHTS

as a Survivor of Sexual Assault



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

RON FREITAS
District Attorney

CASE #:

Any law enforcement officer or medical provider **MUST** provide you with a card that gives you your rights. This card spells out those rights and resources and may not include all the rights/options that may be available to you under California law (Cal. Penal Code §680.2). If you have further questions, please contact the Women's Center, medical provider, law enforcement officer, and/or the District Attorney's Victim-Witness Office.

Your Right, Your Choice

You are **never required** to participate in the criminal justice system or receive a physical exam to keep your rights.

You have the right to choose whether you get an exam, whether you want to report the assault, and/or how much you participate in the process.

Advocacy & Support

You have the right to have a **24-HOUR CONFIDENTIAL SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELOR (victim advocate)** and at least **ONE OTHER PERSON OF YOUR CHOOSING** present during any exam or investigative interview.

Rape crisis centers have confidential advocates that keep conversations **private**. For more information and support, contact **Women's Center Youth & Family Services 24-Hour Sexual Assault Helpline at 209-465-4997**
www.womenscenteryfs.org

Restraining Orders

You have the right to seek an **EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER** to help keep you safe (**ask a law enforcement officer**).



You have the right to seek a **RESTRAINING ORDER**.

For more information on the process contact the District Attorney's **Victim-Witness Office at: (209) 468-2500**
-OR-
Women's Center Youth & Family Services at: (209) 941-2611

Victim Compensation Program

You have the right to request **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** for covering the costs arising from your assault through the Victim Compensation Board in California. For assistance in applying for those services contact the District Attorney's Victim-Witness Office: **(209) 468-2500**
www.sjgov.org/da/victim-witness-services

DNA

You have the right to know that DNA and other types of evidence can degrade/break down overtime due to exposure to heat, water, and other materials.

In general, DNA evidence on the body last from 12 hours to 7 days.

You have the right to be informed of the following:

- Whether or not the evidence is analyzed within 18 months of your assault.
- Whether or not a DNA profile of your assailant was developed from the evidence.
- Whether or not the DNA profile of your assailant has been entered into the law enforcement database.
- Whether or not the DNA profile of your assailant matches a DNA profile contained in the law enforcement database.

Evidence

You have the right to ask for the status and results of the analysis of **all evidence** related to your assault.

If the evidence related to your assault will be tested, it should be transported to the lab and analyzed within **24 MONTHS.**