

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.**