

Hesperia School Police Department

RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION

Sexual assault is a violent crime which can cause fear, injury, humiliation and psychological trauma. It is a crime of violence, not passion. Sexual assault by a person who is known to the victim, including sexual assault by a person who is the spouse of the victim, is a crime. Assailants can be strangers, acquaintances, relatives, friends, or neighbors.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

This information can aid in the attacker's arrest:

- *Contact your local police department right away
- *Write down as many details about the incident as possible
 - __ Peculiarities in speech
 - __ Mannerisms
 - __ Dress
 - __ Statements made to you

The most important things to remember after an attack:

- Do not change your clothes
- Do not disturb anything in the area where the attack occurred
- Do no wash any part of your body. Do not shower or bathe
- Do not douche

Doing so may accidentally destroy valuable evidence the police or prosecutor might need to arrest and convict your attacker.

RAPE CRISIS CENTERS

Rape Crisis Centers provide direct assistance to victims of sexual assault. They provide:

- Information and referral
- Accompaniment to hospital, criminal justice agencies, and social service agencies
- Crisis intervention
- Follow-up counseling
- In-person counseling

Outreach services for victims of sexual assault:

Rape Crisis Hotline (Project Sister)	24 hr. Hotline	909-626-4357
Sexual Assault Services (National)	24 hr. Hotline	800-656-4673
Sexual Assault Services (San Bernardino Area)	24 hr. Hotline	909-885-8884

www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/sheriff/



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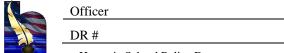
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INFORMATION FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM

Domestic violence or assault by a person who is known to the victim including domestic violence or assault on a person who is the spouse of the victim, is a crime.

Despite official restraint of the person alleged to have committed domestic violence, the restrained person may be released at any time.

24 HOUR HOTLINE & SHELTER HOUSING INFORMATION

For further information about shelter & outreach services contact:

Shelter Name/Area	24-Hr Hotline	Office (8a-5p)
Option House/ San Bernardino	909-381-3471	909-383-1602
A Better Way/ Victorville	760-955-8723	760-955-8010
Family Assistance Program/	760-949-4357	760-843-0701
Victorville		

All of the above phone numbers provide restraining order assistance during regular office hours.

National Hotline 800-799-SAFE(7233)

- You have the right to have a report taken.
- You may ask the District Attorney to file a criminal complaint.
- You have the right to go to the Superior Court and file a petition requesting any of the following order for relief:
 - A. An order restraining the attacker from abusing the victim and other family members.
 - B. An order directing the attacker to leave the household.
 - C. An order preventing the attacker from entering the residence, school, business, or place of employment of the victim.
 - D. An order awarding the victim or the other parent custody of or visitation with a minor child or children
 - E. An order restraining the attacker from molesting or interfering with minor children in the custody of the victim.
 - F. An order directing the party not granted custody to pay support of minor children, if that party has a legal obligation to do so.
 - G. An order directing the defendant to make specified debit payments coming due while the order is in effect.
 - H. An order directing that either or both parties participate in counseling.

You have the right to file a civil suit for losses suffered as a result of the abuse, including medical expenses, loss of earnings, and other expenses for injuries sustained and damage to property, and any other related expenses incurred by the victim or any agency that shelters the victim. Victim Service Center 760-552-6947

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (V.I.N.E.)

A **free** anonymous 24-hour hotline number that alerts registered victims and concerned citizens automatically when an offender that is booked into any **San Bernardino County Jail** is scheduled for release or transfer. Call 877-411-5588.

The Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008:

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District Attorney Victim Services Program:

Services for Victims- Referral to community agencies for counseling, support for victims and their families, emergency assistance for short-term needs, special services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and crime prevention information. Services for Witnesses- Assistance in making court appearances, orientation into the criminal justice system, notification about the status of a case before, during, and after a prosecution, and cooperation with employers.



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