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1-877-251-7373 (Victim Only)
1-517-241-7373
www.michigan.gov/crimevictim

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Sexual Assault Forensic Exam

If you're reading this, chances are someone who cares has given you this brochure because you were a sexual assault victim. This program helps pay for sexual assault forensic exams for people who were sexually assaulted in Michigan.

What is Sexual Assault or Abuse?

Sexual assault and abuse can happen to anyone, including adults, teens and children. Perpetrators use force, intimidation and emotional pressure to sexually assault and abuse another person. Sexual assaults include any type of sexual contact that you do not agree to or want. It is sexual assault or abuse when a perpetrator touches any private areas of your body or uses their fingers, penis or another object to penetrate the vagina, anus or mouth against your will. Perpetrators may assault another person one time or sexually abuse the same person over and over again.

Sexual Assault is NEVER the victim's fault!

All sexual assault victims deserve emotional support and advocacy to heal from the assault, whether they want to go forward with a legal case or not.

What is a Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exam?

The purpose of this exam is to evaluate your health care needs, determine treatment for any injuries, and collect evidence for potential use for criminal investigation. Survivors can choose to only have parts of the exam and can ask the health care provider to stop at any time. These exams are usually conducted up to four days after a sexual assault.

How can SAFE Response Help?

Sexual assault victims should never be billed or pay for the medical forensic exam.

You do not have to talk with the police or make a police report in order to have the exam done or paid for.

Your health care insurance may be billed for the exam, but if you believe billing your insurance will interfere with your personal privacy or safety, the health care provider can bill SAFE Response for the exam.

SAFE Response can pay your health care provider for the exam and related costs.

What is Not Covered by SAFE Response?

If you have other injuries (like a broken bone) or would like to seek counseling, you may be eligible for assistance through the Crime Victim Services Commission Compensation program.

In order to receive this compensation, you will have to report the assault to the police, participate in the investigation and complete an application to the Crime Victim Services Commission Compensation program.

If SAFE Response pays for the medical forensic exam, it is not guaranteed that you will receive compensation for other medical services or counseling.

For further assistance or information, please call the Crime Victim Services Commission at (517) 241-7373.

If you have been sexually assaulted, please consider calling the national Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) at 1-800-656-4673 to locate a sexual assault service provider program in your area. All services are free and confidential.