

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to seek a **civil protection order, emergency protective order** or **both** to help keep you safe.

- Ask a law enforcement officer about the emergency protective order.
- For information on the civil protection order process, visit www.courts.ca.gov/1260.htm or contact:

SHARP (Self-Help Assistance and Referral Program)
Butte County Superior Court
530-532-7024
www.sharpcourts.org

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to contact Catalyst, your local sexual assault services provider, and have an **advocate** (available 24 hours a day) and **at least one other person of your choosing** present during an initial exam or investigative interview.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to know that a court may not imprison, confine or place in custody a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence for contempt if the contempt is refusing to testify about the crime.



Scan the QR code below to view more information on **forensic medical exams**, as well as a **list of advocacy and supportive services available** in the community.



MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Nurses specially trained in caring for victims of sexual assault, providing sexual assault forensic medical exams and aftercare are at these hospitals 24 hours a day.

Enloe Health
1531 Esplanade
Chico, CA 95926
530-332-7740



Oroville Hospital
2767 Olive Highway
Oroville, CA 95966
530-533-8500



Oroville Hospital

This card is an outline of your rights and resources and may not include all the rights and options that may be available to you. Under California law (Cal. Penal Code § 680.2), any law enforcement officer or medical provider must provide you with a card that clearly spells out your rights. If you have further questions, please contact your advocacy crisis center, medical provider and/or law enforcement officer.

Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights



To speak with someone about your case, call:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Butte County Sheriff | 530-538-7321 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chico Police | 530-897-4900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gridley Police | 530-846-5670 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oroville Police | 530-538-2448 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paradise Police | 530-872-6241 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSU Chico Police | 530-898-5555 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butte College Police | 530-895-2351 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Case Number: _____

You are not required to participate in the criminal justice system or receive a physical exam in order to keep your rights.

You can choose whether you get an exam, whether and how you report the assault, and how much you participate in the process.

Any questions related to your rights as a survivor of sexual assault can be answered by a confidential advocate.

Victim advocates are trained in support services, local referrals, law enforcement and other government processes.



Speak with a victim advocate at:
Butte County District Attorney
Victim Assistance Bureau
25 County Center Drive, Suite 218
Oroville, CA 95965
530-538-7340
www.buttecounty.net/da/victim.htm

ADULT PATIENTS HAVE THE RIGHT to decide whether your sexual assault evidence kit is tested. For patients under 18 years old, your sexual assault evidence will be tested.

If you decide to not have your sexual assault evidence kit tested, the evidence will be held in the jurisdictional law enforcement agency. If you decide to reconsider your choice not to have your sexual assault evidence kit tested, you must contact the law enforcement agency where the crime occurred in writing, and formally request your sexual assault evidence kit be tested.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to request **financial assistance** to cover the costs arising from your assault through the Victim Compensation Program. Find the process for applying at:

victims.ca.gov/victims/howtoapply.aspx

A victim advocate can help you complete the application.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to ask for the results of the analysis of your sexual assault forensic evidence from the law enforcement agency investigating your case.

DNA and other types of evidence can degrade or break down over time due to exposure to heat, water, and other materials. In general, DNA evidence on the body may last from 12 hours to seven days.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to be informed of the following:

- Whether or not the evidence is analyzed within 120 days of receipt by the crime lab
- 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

The evidence related to your assault must be kept for **20 years**, or for victims under age 18 (at the time of the offense) until your **40th birthday**.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to request in writing, and receive, a **free copy of the initial crime report** related to your assault.

If your assailant is convicted and required to register as a sex offender, you have the right to request in writing, and receive from the prosecutor **their sex offender registry information**.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to request restitution from the offender.

To track your forensic evidence kit, contact the **California Department of Justice Victims' Services Unit** at 877-433-9069, by email at victimservices@doj.ca.gov or visit the **Department of Justice SAFE-T database portal** at: <https://kitstatus.doj.ca.gov/>.

Your Forensic Evidence Kit number is:

Place Barcode here

A PDF of this card is available at:

