

# Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights

You have rights.

You have the right to get answers, the right to information, and a right to know.

This card explains key rights, options, and helpful resources.

## You Decide

It's your choice to:

- Report the assault.
- Get a physical exam.

**No matter what you choose, you keep your rights.**

## Questions?

Contact:

Your Safe Place - A Family Justice Center (YSP)  
1122 Broadway, Suite 200  
San Diego, CA  
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## You Have a Right to Know...

A survivor of sexual assault may:

- Receive a medical evidentiary or physical examination. If you are interested in an examination, contact your Detective and inquire about an exam at YSP.
- Contact YSP for a sexual assault counselor.

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A survivor of sexual assault may:

- Seek legal protection, such as temporary protection orders. Contact YSP for information about how to obtain this protection.
- Request information about their sexual assault forensic evidence. For more information about sexual assault forensic evidence status, please visit the YSP website's Resources tab.
- Seek compensation for medical and other costs from CalVCB associated with the reported crime.
- Have a sexual assault counselor and at least one other support person of their choosing present at any initial medical evidentiary examination, physical examination, or investigative interview arising out of a sexual assault.
- Access information about the rate of potential evidence degradation.

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If an survivor decides to undergo a forensic exam:

- If the forensic evidence will be tested, it should be transported to a crime laboratory and analyzed within the time limits imposed law, Penal Code 803(g)(a)(A) and (B).
- The law enforcement agency or crime laboratory will retain the sexual assault forensic evidence for at least 20 years, or if the victim was under 18 years of age at the time of the alleged offense, at least until the survivor's 40th birthday.

## You Have a Right to Know...

If a survivor makes a written request:

- A law enforcement official shall furnish a free copy of the initial crime report related to the sexual assault, regardless of whether the report has been closed by the law enforcement agency, to the victim of the crime. A law enforcement agency may redact personal, identifying information in the copy furnished to the victim.
- A prosecutor shall, pursuant to Penal Code 290.46, provide the convicted defendant's information on a sex offender registry to the victim, if the defendant is required to register as a sex offender.

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