

MANDATORY NOTICE FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT*

MEDICAL AND FORENSIC SERVICES

Survivors of sexual assault should seek medical attention as soon as possible. You may request transportation to the hospital.

Services Available

If you request medical forensic services, the hospital must offer a general medical exam, treat injuries, evaluate the need for medications, and collect forensic evidence. Upon request, a hospital must perform a forensic exam and complete an evidence kit up to 7 days after the assault regardless of your age.

Evidence Preservation

You may not be sure whether or not you want to participate in the criminal justice process right now, but it is important to know that critical evidence may be lost if you change clothes; bathe, shower or douche; use the restroom; eat; smoke; or brush teeth or gargle, depending on the nature of the attack.

The sooner the medical forensic exam is performed, the more evidence is available for collection.

Storage of Evidence

If evidence is collected from you, but you are unsure about allowing law enforcement to test the evidence, the evidence will be stored for 5 years or, if you are under the age of 18, until your 23rd birthday. You can consent to test the evidence at any time during this period.

You will NOT be billed for any services provided in the emergency room. In addition, if you are eligible, the hospital will give you a voucher for 90 days of follow-up care.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION

The nearby hospital below provides emergency medical and forensic services for sexual assault survivors:

Hospital Name
Hospital Address

This hospital employs a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner: Yes / No / Unknown (Circle One)

*This form must be provided by the responding law enforcement agency at time of initial contact pursuant to 725 ILCS 203/25(a). This requirement is effective January 1, 2017.