

What is Sexual Assault:

Sexual assault is any intimate contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit, freely given consent of the recipient, involving force, coercion, manipulation, or incapacity. This includes, but is not limited to, rape, forced kissing, groping, or touching of intimate body parts, and can be committed by anyone regardless of relationship to the victim. Key terms include:

- **Lack of Consent:** A sex act occurs without explicit consent from all parties
- **Incapacity:** A victim is unable to give consent due to age, disability, or being under the influence of drugs/alcohol.
- **Coercion/Force:** Force, violence, and threats are used to coerce a sex act.

We are here for you

We are committed to providing support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through access to professionally trained victim advocates who will support you throughout your healing journey.

What Expenses Are Covered By ICJI

For victims of sexual assault, ICJI administers payment for certain costs associated with a medical forensic exam. These costs include (but are not limited to):

- A Medical Forensic Exam
- Mental Health Counseling up to \$3000. A licensed mental health provider must provide these services
- Certain Diagnostic Testing
- Initial Pregnancy & Follow-Up Pregnancy Testing
- Certain Laboratory Testing for STDs, Alcohol, and Drugs, up to 30 days from the initial visit
- Suturing and Care of Wounds
- Other Limited Outpatient Services
- One Syphilis test up to 90 days following the initial visit.

Stepping Stones Shelter is your local advocacy center. We work to empower survivors to rebuild their lives and break the cycle of violence to create a safer community through outreach, education, and awareness. 24/7 hospital response & crisis line available.

Have questions or want to learn more? Get in touch with us!

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Victims' Rights

The following rights of victims of sexual assault are whenever a victim is subject to a medical forensic examination or an interview by a law enforcement officer in relation to injuries, trauma, or an investigation resulting from an alleged sexual assault.

You retain these rights regardless of whether you agree to participate in any civil or criminal proceedings related to the assault and regardless of whether you consent to a medical forensic examination to collect forensic evidence related to the alleged sexual assault.

You have the right to be informed of your rights as a victim under Indiana law before the commencement of any medical forensic examination or an interview by a law enforcement officer.

Your Rights

You have the right to speak with a victim advocate or victim service provider during any hospital visit for the purpose of receiving a sexual assault examination.

If a victim advocate or victim's assistance provider is not available, you have the right to speak with victim's assistance or a social worker. You retain these rights even if you have waived one or more of these rights in a previous examination or interview.

You have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process.

During the course of the investigation. You have the right to speak with a victim advocate or victim service provider.

If a victim advocate or victim service provider is not available at that time, you have the right to speak with victim's assistance or a social worker. You retain these rights even if you have waived one or more of these rights in a previous examination or interview.

You have the right to be provided with a medical forensic exam and additional forensic services without charge. You can ask the person administering your exam whether they have been trained to do so.

You have the right to decline any part of the sexual assault examination. You have the right to a shower at the medical facility after the examination.

How do I track the status of my Sexual Assault Kit?

To track the status of your sexual assault kit, please follow these instructions:

Log in to the Victim Compensation Claims System by visiting vcc.cji.in.gov/public/home.aspx or by calling 800-353-1484, then provide the kit number and their personal identification number (PIN).

Sexual Assault Kit: _____
PIN: _____