

Rape Response Crisis Line

256-767-1100
800-917-7273

24 Hours a Day

- 24-Hour Crisis Line
- Medical Accompaniments
- Court Accompaniments
 - Crisis Counseling
- Information and Referrals
 - Support Groups
- Prevention Programs

To schedule a prevention program,
volunteer, or make a donation,
please call our office.

256-765-0025



RAPE RESPONSE

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All services of Rape Response are offered free of charge and are provided to all victims of sexual assault, regardless of sex, gender, race, creed, ethnicity, national origin, color, marital status, sexual orientation or preference, physical or mental ability, culture, language ability, class, economic status, education, HIV status or religious or spiritual beliefs.



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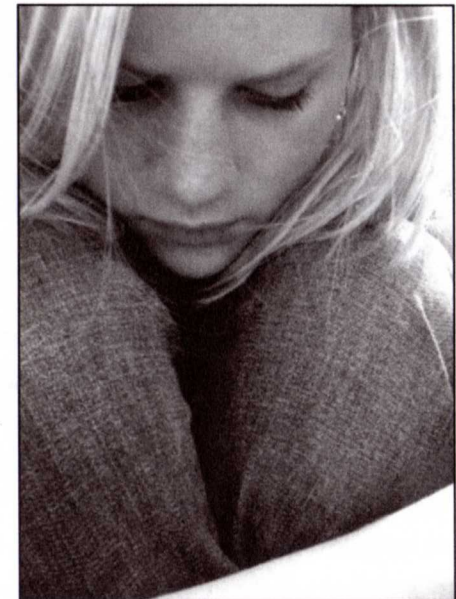
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RAPE

Don't Face it Alone.



Medical and Legal Accompaniments

Forensic Exams

Crisis Counseling

Information and Referrals

The Reality of Rape

Rape can happen to anyone, at any age, in any place. The goal of Rape Response is to encourage everyone to become more aware of the truth about sexual assault and how it affects its victims.

Rape is an act of aggression, power and violence. Sexual acts are used by the rapist to injure and control the victim, whose main focus is survival.

There is no clear picture of a typical rapist. Rapists can be neighbors, coworkers, even dates. Or they may also be strangers.

No one asks to be raped. ANY intentional, unwanted sexual contact is against the law.

If Someone Close to You is a Victim

Coping with the aftermath of sexual assault can be difficult for those close to the victim. You may wish you could have protected them from this experience. You may feel concerned because they seem distant and don't talk.

It is important to acknowledge your own feelings. A Rape Response advocate will be happy to talk with you about your feelings and how to be helpful to the person who has been victimized.

How to Get Help

Call 256-767-1100 or 800-917-7273 toll-free to reach the Rape Response crisis line.

A trained advocate will answer your call.

Our 24-hour service means you can always talk to one of our advocates, in complete privacy and free of charge. Our services are available to all victims of sexual violence age 14 and older, no matter how long ago the assault took place.

What to Do

- 1. Your immediate safety is our first concern. Call the police for assistance if you fear the person who assaulted you may return.**
- 2. Call 256-767-1100 or 800-917-7273 to come to Rape Response's forensic exam room or go immediately to the nearest hospital emergency room.**
- 3. DO NOT bathe, douche, urinate, drink, or eat before the medical exam. If you do, vital evidence could be destroyed.**
- 4. DO NOT change clothes. Your clothing may be collected by law enforcement as evidence. Rape Response will provide a set of clothes for you to wear home.**
- 5. If you can't remember what to do, call Rape Response at 256-767-1100 or 800-917-7273.**

How You May Feel

Rape can leave you with painful thoughts and feelings. You might have trouble sleeping or eating, have bad dreams, or be afraid of everyone you meet. You might not want to think or talk about what has happened to you. You might worry about what other people will think, or that it was somehow your fault. These are normal reactions to what you have been through.

Services

- 1. Forensic Exam Room** — We have a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner on staff who is specially trained to perform medical examinations and collect evidence in the privacy of our offices.
- 2. Medical Accompaniments** — We provide advocates for victims of sexual assault at all area hospitals, 24 hours a day.
- 3. Legal Accompaniments** — We provide information and emotional support at every stage of the criminal justice process.
- 4. Crisis Counseling** — As needed, free of charge.
- 5. Support Groups** — As needed, free of charge.
- 6. Information and Referrals** — We work with other agencies to provide comprehensive services for those who need them.