

# 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. The medical forensic exam is free.

### Services Available

If you request medical forensic services, the hospital must offer a medical exam, treat injuries, evaluate the need for medications, photograph injuries and evidence, and collect forensic evidence.

Based on when you seek care, the hospital must also offer a medical forensic examination which may include evidence collection within the following time frames:

- For patients under the age of 13, if sexual abuse or assault occurred or may have occurred in the past 72 hours
- Patients age 13 and older, if the sexual abuse or assault occurred in the past 168 hours.

Options may be discussed outside of these time frames based on your history and clinical assessment.

### 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 incident.

The likelihood of obtaining evidence decreases over time.

Any evidence collected from you will not be used to prosecute you for any offense related to the use of alcohol, cannabis, or a controlled substance.

### 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 10 years or, if you are under the age of 18, until your 28<sup>th</sup> 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 180 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.

## **CIVIL NO CONTACT ORDERS / ORDERS OF PROTECTION**

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Survivors of sexual assault may petition for a Civil No Contact Order (CNCO) or an Order of Protection (OP) that can order the offender to:

- Stay away from you and away from specific locations, such as your residence, your work, and your school
- Have no contact with you

The CNCO or OP can be obtained in civil court at a local courthouse. You will not pay a fee for requesting the order. While you can obtain a CNCO or OP on your own, it is best done with the assistance of an advocate or attorney. If the courthouse is closed but a judge is available, you may request that the officer provide or arrange transportation to the judge.

***You may be able to obtain sexual assault support services for free. These services include advocacy, counseling, assistance with information about the medical forensic exam, understanding the criminal justice system, and obtaining a Civil No Contact Order or an Order of Protection. You are encouraged to contact:***

Rape Crisis Center Name	Hotline Number
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## **RESPONDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

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Responding Officer's Name	Star/Badge Number
Responding Law Enforcement Agency Name	Agency Phone Number
Report Number	Date

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHICH WILL COMPLETE INVESTIGATION**

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Law Enforcement Agency Name
Law Enforcement Agency Address
Law Enforcement Agency Phone Number