

A Guide for Victims of Sexual Assault/Violence

The purpose of this section is to provide victims of sexual assault with information to assist in reporting these types of crimes, and what to expect through the process:

Victims of sexual assaults may be apprehensive to report a crime because of embarrassment or the sensitive details of the incident. You can be assured that law enforcement officers will be respectful of your privacy, feelings, and emotions during the investigation. Our deputies and detectives are trained and prepared to gather the information and evidence necessary to assist prosecutors in making informed decisions on these cases. Sexual assault investigations are a multi-disciplinary team approach between law enforcement, medical professionals, and prosecutors.

Reporting the Incident

You can report the incident by coming into the Sheriff's Office and reporting the incident directly to a deputy, or by calling 911 (emergency) or 435-615-3600 (non-emergency). If you report by calling, a dispatcher, they will open a case, record your name, date of birth and other information, and have a deputy arrange to contact you in person or by phone.

Preserving Evidence

It is important to remember to preserve any evidence. Evidence can possibly be where the incident occurred, on bedding, on clothing, or on your person. It is important that the victim does not wash themselves, their clothing or anything related to the scene until talking to a law enforcement officer. However, even if this has occurred evidence may still be gathered and a successful case brought against your attacker.

Code R Examination

A Code R examination will be requested by the law enforcement officer. A Code R examination is conducted by a forensic medical professional at a hospital. This is a process to forensically collect DNA evidence left by the suspect.

Recorded Interview

The law enforcement officer will also schedule an audio/video recorded interview with the victim.

Updates for/from Law Enforcement on the Case

If the victim needs an update on the case or the victim needs to report additional information, please see the steps below:

1. Before the victim calls to obtain more information, please have the following information prepared to assist in connecting the victim with the appropriate law enforcement officer.
 - i. The case number
 - ii. The name of the law enforcement officer assigned to the case
 - iii. Your name, date of birth, address and/or telephone number

2. When first reporting the incident, the victim should have been provided a case number, phone number, and email address of the law enforcement officer they met with.
3. The victim can try to contact that law enforcement officer with that phone number and/or the email address and case number provided.
4. If the victim does not have contact information for the law enforcement officer, please call the Sheriff's Office general phone number (435-615-3500) and press 1. You may then ask to speak with the law enforcement officer actively assigned to your case.

Referral information from sexual assault victim support services

Summit County Attorney's Office – Victim's Advocate & Services

<https://www.summitcounty.org/678/Victim-Assistance-Program>

6300 Justice Center Road, Park City, UT 84098

435-615-3851 – Main Office Phone