Know what to do in case of Sexual Assault

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Rape is a felony offense in North Carolina.

Sepa que hacer en caso de Agresión Sexual

La Violación es un delito grave en Carolina del Norte.
**Report a Rape**

- If you are raped, report the crime immediately to law enforcement. Rapists are frequently repeat offenders and your report will aid in the apprehension and conviction of the culprit.
- You can tell law enforcement everything you remember about the attacker and nothing about yourself.
- Telling the police what happened does not mean you have to prosecute that person.
- If you choose to prosecute, the authorities will pursue the crime to the fullest extent of the law.

**What To Do in Case of Rape**

- Try to remember as much as possible about the attacker and what took place.
- Do not change clothes, bathe or douche, but get to an emergency room or medical facility or medical professional who performs a forensic medical examiner as quickly as possible to provide evidence.
- If you were wearing the time of the attack part of the evidence collected, so you can, take a change of clothes to the hospital or to the forensic examiner.
- Call a family member, friend, clergyman or a local rape crisis center to find people who can support you and provide assistance.
- Physician and/or SANE Nurse: $350
- Hospital/Facility Fee: $250
- Other Expenses Deemed Eligible by the Program: $200
- Maximum Total: $800
- After the rape kit is transferred to local law enforcement, the medical provider needs to submit a bill with an itemized statement of expenses as soon as possible to Victims Compensation.

**Free Forensic Medical Examinations**

- If a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault has occurred in North Carolina, the Rape Victims Assistance Program pays for the cost of a forensic medical exam.
- Trained health care professionals who perform forensic exams using the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit do not bill the victim or the victim’s personal insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, or any other collateral source for the examination.
- A medical facility or medical professional who performs a forensic medical examination on the victim of a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault shall not seek payment for the examination except from the program. In addition, the medical facility or medical professional shall accept payment made under this section as payment in full of the amount owed for the cost of the examination and other eligible expenses.
- Payments by the program for the forensic medical exam shall be limited to the following:
  - Physician and/or SANE Nurse: $350
  - Hospital/Facility Fee: $250
  - Other Expenses Deemed Eligible by the Program: $200
  - Maximum Total: $800
- Additional Victim Notification Requirements

A medical facility or medical professional that performs a forensic medical examination will encourage victim to submit an application for reimbursement of medical expenses beyond the forensic examination to Victims Compensation.