

RAPE IS A CRIME OF... POWER AND CONTROL

Rape is not about sex; rape is an act of violence that uses force and fear to take away a victim's dignity, trust, and feelings of security. Some rapes are committed by strangers, but most are committed by someone the victim knows -- a friend, a date, a co-worker, or someone she just met. When the victims know the attacker, it is called date or acquaintance rape.

How to Report:

Call 911

Tooele County Dispatch 435-882-5600

DVSAVA Crisis Line 435-882-6888

Toll Free 1-800-982-6888

Report or Not:

The decision about whether or not to talk with the police about the assault is an individual one. Discussing the assault with law enforcement may allow the perpetrator to be held accountable for the crime, and will allow state funds to pay for the immediate medical care of the victim. Fear and embarrassment often cause many people to be reluctant to tell others about the assault. Even if one chooses to not immediately report the crime to the police, crisis care and counseling are always available through the state or through your local rape recovery center.

Focus on Health Care

Are there injuries?

Often because of shock and denial, victims do not know if they were physically injured. If there is vaginal bleeding, a temperature greater than 100.4, or abdominal pain, it is important to see a health care provider. Health Care providers may prescribe medications to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

Evidence Collection

Purposes of the Examination

If an assault is reported to law enforcement, an examination may be done to collect evidence. The purpose of the examination is to identify and document any evidence of sexual assault for the police. A history of the assault is an important part of the evidence. A nurse who specializes in evidence collection is called a forensic nurse examiner.

Do you think you were drugged?

Samples of urine and blood may be obtained to test for "date drugs." It is important to collect these as soon as possible. If reporting to law enforcement, be sure to tell the officer that date rape drugs may have been used.



WHAT IS THE DVSAVA CRISIS LINE? IT IS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCACY CRISIS LINE.

WE ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP ANYONE WHO IS A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, SEXUAL ABUSE, OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

THE DVSAVA CRISIS LINE HAS PROFESSIONAL STAFF AVAILABLE **24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK** OFFERING CRISIS INTERVENTION, ADVOCACY, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, AND REFERRALS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

STAFF AND TRAINED VOLUNTEERS:

- PROVIDE CRISIS INTERVENTION
- MEET YOU AT THE HOSPITAL
- HELP YOU FILE A CRIME VICTIM REPARATIONS APPLICATION
- GO WITH YOU TO THE POLICE STATION, COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, COURT HEARINGS, ETC.
- GIVE YOU SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

THE FACTS...

Sexual assault and sexual abuse can happen to anyone. It's not just a myth.

These are the facts:

- Rape is never a victim's fault.
- You have nothing to feel ashamed or guilty about.
- Sexual assault is a crime.
- Sexual assault is a violent use of power.
- There is no typical victim.
- Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault.
- 1.3 adult women are raped every minute.
- One in three females will be sexually abused by age 18.
- One in six males will be sexually abused by age 18.
- Only three in ten sexual assaults is reported to the police.
- One in four women in college will be the victim of rape or attempted rape.

"You are not alone!"

The Healing Process...

The recovery process is unique to each person. Some people recover quickly. For others, this may take years. Symptoms may disappear only to reappear months or years later. Wherever you are in your journey, the DVSAVA Crisis Line is dedicated to providing assistance with:

- *issues relating to reporting the crime*
- *locating quality medical care*
- *adjusting emotionally to your experience*
- *tempering anger*
- *showing you your life is worthing living*
- *helping you feel safe again*
- *regaining confidence and independence*



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**24/7 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
& SEXUAL ASSAULT
VICTIM ADVOCACY
THROUGHOUT TOOELE COUNTY**

Providing information
on resources available to
you and your family.

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