WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

1. Get to a safe place and call either the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center (CVSVC) at (518) 447-7716, 911, or your local police department.
2. It is important to go to the hospital as soon as possible for treatment of external and internal injuries; testing for STDs, HIV and pregnancy; and gathering of medical evidence for the police. You have the right to be examined by certified sexual assault trained hospital staff and to have a rape crisis counselor present through the examination process.
3. CVSVC sexual assault hotline counselors are on call 24 hours a day and will meet you at the hospital or police station.
4. Don’t wash, change clothes, eat, drink or straighten the crime scene before going to the hospital or police station.
5. The Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center and hospitals do not report sexual assault crimes to the police. Reporting is your choice.
6. If you decide not to go to the police immediately, write down all the details of the assault and save them in case you change your mind. The hospital does not release medical evidence to the police without your written consent and will hold the evidence for 30 days in case you later decide to make a police report.

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WHERE TO CALL

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   - RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network) (800) 342-3720

2. If you choose to make a police report dial 911 for emergencies, or call the police department that covers the location where the crime occurred. Police are available to transport you to the hospital and assist you in the immediate emergency.
   - Albany City Police 438-4400
   - Bethlehem Police 439-9973
   - Cohoes Police 237-3333
   - Colonie Police 783-2744
   - Green Island Police 273-2401

3. Albany County Hospitals:
   - Albany Medical Center (518) 262-3131
   - Albany Memorial (518) 471-3111
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4. If you go to a hospital for medical treatment, the NYS Office of Victim Services may pay the cost. CSVVC counselors will help you with the application. Call the CSVVC office at (518) 447-7100 for information.

5. Clinics:
   - Albany County Health Department
     - STD Clinic (518) 447-4589
     - Anonymous HIV testing (518) 447-4570
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