

MORRIS COUNTY SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

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[https://www.atlantichealth.org/
conditions-treatments/behavioral-
health/sexual-assault-program.html](https://www.atlantichealth.org/conditions-treatments/behavioral-health/sexual-assault-program.html)

**DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION AND
PERMANENCY (formerly DYFS)**
1-877-NJABUSE (1-877-652-2873)
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**JBWS Safety, Support & Solutions for
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**MORRIS COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE
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**VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION
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www.njvictims.org

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY PROSECUTOR

It has come to the attention of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office that you or your child reported an incident of sexual abuse.

The Morris County Prosecutor's Office assists victims and their families in the aftermath of a crime, regardless of the outcome of the investigation. It has been our experience that early intervention through counseling greatly benefits those who fall victim to crimes of this nature. We can put you in contact with agencies that specialize in dealing with the aftereffects of sexual assault and offer confidential, professional counseling for both victims and family members. In addition, there are services we can provide to assist you, including help with navigating the Criminal Justice System, supplying information regarding medical treatment and follow-up, and assisting with Victims of Crime Compensation Office applications.

Moreover, depending on the circumstances of your case, you may be entitled to seek protective orders, including a Sexual Offense Restraining Order, Domestic Violence Restraining Order, or Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act Order. Our office will provide you with information to guide you to the most appropriate and applicable form of order.

The Morris County Prosecutor's Office is committed to servicing victims of Sexual Assault in accordance with the Standards and Directives set forth by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

[https://www.nj.gov/oag/dci/arguide/
directives/arg-directive-2018-5.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/oag/dci/arguide/directives/arg-directive-2018-5.pdf)

You can also speak to a liaison for victim's of sexual assault, Agent Dan Haber at 973-285-6200 for assistance



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SEX CRIMES/CHILD ENDANGERMENT UNIT

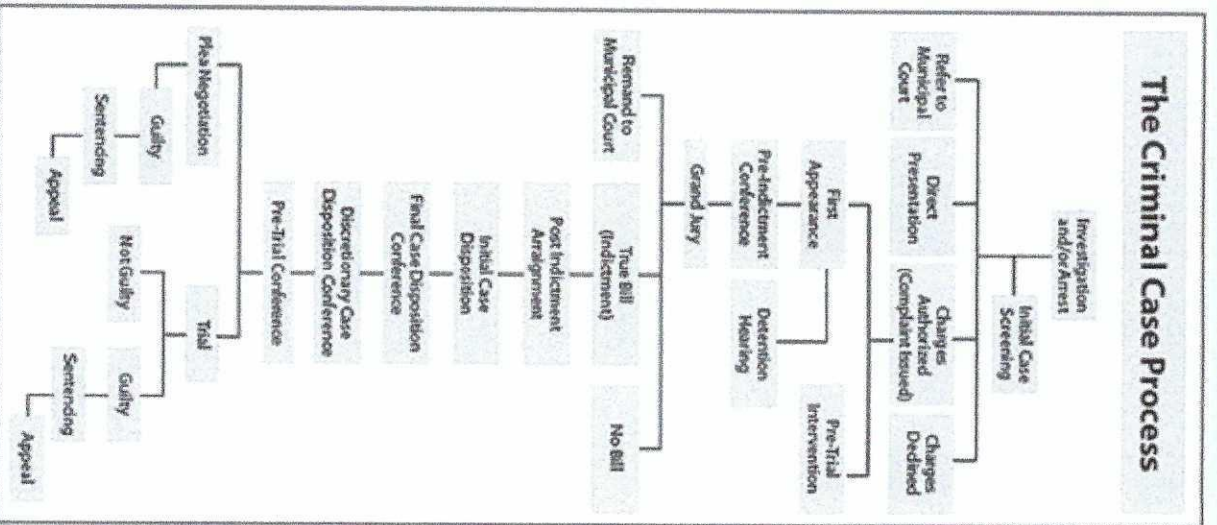
RESOURCE GUIDE

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS

The Criminal Case Process



Orders of Protection

Depending on the circumstances of your case, you may qualify to apply for a protective order. Those orders include:

Sexual Assault Restraining Orders (Nicole's Law Restraining Order) NISA 2C:14-12: A no contact order issued against a defendant charged with a sex offense (Aggravated Sexual Assault, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Contact, Endangering the Welfare of a Child (sexual conduct), Endangering the Welfare of a Child - Child Pornography under 2C:24-4b(3), 2C:24-4b(4), 2C:24-4b(5)(a), 2C:24-4b(5)(i) or (ii), Luring, Criminal Sexual Contact, Criminal Restraint (if victim is a minor and offender is not the parent), False Imprisonment (if victim is a minor and offender is not the parent), Promoting Child Prostitution (2C:34-1b(3) and 2C:34-1b(4)), Leader of a Child Pornography Network), or an attempt to commit any of the above offenses.

Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act (SASPA):

Temporary or Final Order of Protection issued after a hearing in Family Court, for any person alleging to be a victim of nonconsensual sexual contact, sexual penetration, or lewdness, or any attempt at such conduct, who is not eligible for a restraining order as a victim of domestic violence. Application for a SASPA can be made at Family Court during regular business hours. (Not applicable to juvenile defendants/suspects or cases involving acts committed by parents, guardians or persons having care, custody or control over an unemancipated minor, however, a parent or guardian of a juvenile may apply for a SASPA on behalf of the juvenile).

Domestic Violence Restraining Order: Temporary or Final Order of Protection issued after a hearing in Family Court, for any person over the age of 18 found to be a "victim of domestic violence" pursuant to 2C:25-19(d).

"No-Contact" Order: may be issued against a defendant by Judge in a juvenile or Criminal Court as a condition of release after arrest.

The law enforcement officer handling your matter will discuss your options and the appropriate means and time to apply for a protective order.

SART—Sexual Assault Response Team

Each County in New Jersey has a specially trained team of qualified professionals called the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). The SART consists of a Law Enforcement Officer, a Forensic Nurse Examiner and a Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate. The members of the team provide a coordinated response to crimes of sexual assault in a compassionate and timely manner.

Most importantly, the SART is victim centered and encourages victims to make informed decisions regarding their care and treatment.

The SART may be activated 24 hours/7 days a week in the following circumstances:

- The victim is 13 years of age or older;
- The assault occurred within the last 5 days; and
- The victim chooses SART services.

If you qualify for a SART activation, all of the team members are available to you. You may choose to activate all team members or individual members.

All services provided by the SART are free of charge.

To activate SART:

Call 911 or any Police Department

Call Morris County Sexual Assault Center Hot

Line 973-829-0587

Go to the emergency department of one of the participating facilities:

Morristown Medical Center, 100 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07962, 973-971-5000

Saint Clare's Health Care System, 25 Pocono Road, Denville, NJ 07834, 973-625-6063

Saint Clare's Health Care System, 400 West Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ 07801, 973-989-3200

If you do not qualify for a SART activation, you will still have access to specially trained and qualified professionals. You are entitled to the services of a Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA), a full law enforcement investigation, and may be referred for medical follow up.

How is the Sexual Assault Response Team Contacted?

S.A.R.T. is contacted by:

- Calling 911 or a police department
- Calling the Morris County Sexual Assault Hot Line at: 1-973-829-0587
- Going to the emergency department of one of our participating facilities

What to do if you have been sexually assaulted:

- Get to a safe place.
- Seek medical attention. You may have injuries needing treatment and medication to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.
- To preserve evidence, do not eat, drink, shower, bath, douche, brush your teeth, or change your clothes until you have been examined. If possible do not urinate or defecate.
- If you are unsure about making a report to law enforcement, evidence may be collected and secured for a minimum of **5 years**, to provide time for you to make a decision. At the time of your examination, instructions will be provided to you on how to make a report to law enforcement at a future date.

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S.A.R.T. /F.N.E. PROGRAM

Participating facilities:

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Morristown, NJ 07962
1-973-971-5000

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25 Pocono Road
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400 West Blackwell Street
Dover, NJ 07801
1-973-989-3200

S.A.R.T. services may be accessed via the Emergency Department of any participating facility. Additional information may be obtained by calling the 24 hour Sexual Assault Hotline of the Morris County Sexual Assault Center (MCSAC) at:
1-973-829-0587

Morris County Prosecutor's Office

10 Court Street
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
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The S.A.R.T. would also like to acknowledge services donated by participating facilities: Morristown Medical Center and Saint Clare's Health System

SEXUAL ASSAULT

RESPONSE TEAM

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S.A.R.T.

What is Sexual Assault?

In New Jersey any unwanted or non-consensual sexual act, which involves penetration of the mouth, vagina, or anus, regardless of depth, is considered a crime of sexual assault.

Offenders are often someone known to the victim such as an acquaintance, friend, date, spouse or family member.

Victims may be any age, gender or social class.

Although every victim responds to sexual assault differently and heals differently, sexual assault will impact a victim in some way emotionally and physically.

In order to ease victims through the aftermath of a sexual assault, Morris County has developed a Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) to provide timely and compassionate support, information, assistance and a means to prosecute.

What is the Sexual Assault Response Team?

The S.A.R.T. is comprised of a forensic nurse examiner (F.N.E.), a confidential sexual violence advocate and a law enforcement officer. The S.A.R.T. uses a team approach in providing compassionate comprehensive medical care, emotional support, information, assistance, evidence collection and investigation of incidents of sexual assault.

Most importantly, the S.A.R.T. is "Victim Centered," encouraging victims to make informed decisions regarding their care and treatment.

Forensic Nurse Examiner (F.N.E.): A

Forensic Nurse Certified in Sexual Assault examinations who will perform a medical-forensic examination of the victim. The F.N.E. will obtain a medical history and information regarding the sexual assault. Examination and evidence collection is driven by the assault history. The F.N.E. offers victims preventative treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. The F.N.E. also offers medication to prevent pregnancy, which may result from the sexual assault. Follow up discharge instructions and information is provided and reviewed with each victim.

Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate: A specially trained individual who will provide crisis intervention and emotional support throughout the medical and investigative process. The advocate will provide the victim with a safe, neutral and confidential avenue to explore and weigh options.

Law Enforcement Officer: An officer/detective who is trained in the investigation of sexual assault. The law enforcement officer will ensure immediate safety and security of the victim. The officer/detective will obtain information regarding the assault and investigate in a non-judgmental manner.

The members of the S.A.R.T. form a coordinated, multi-disciplinary response to crimes of sexual assault. Our goal is to provide the highest standard of care and services available in a compassionate and timely manner.

When may the S.A.R.T. be activated?

The S.A.R.T. may be activated 24 hours/7 days a week providing:

- The victim is **13 years of age or older**;
- The assault occurred **within 5 days**; and
- The victim chooses S.A.R.T. services

The victim may choose to activate all team members or individual disciplines.

All services provided by the S.A.R.T. are free of charge.

You may incur costs if the emergency room physician identifies possible injury or other risks to your health. These costs may include but are not limited to:

- Injuries that require additional diagnostic testing (X-rays, C.T. Scans)
- Additional laboratory studies (blood work)

know your rights as a survivor of sexual violence

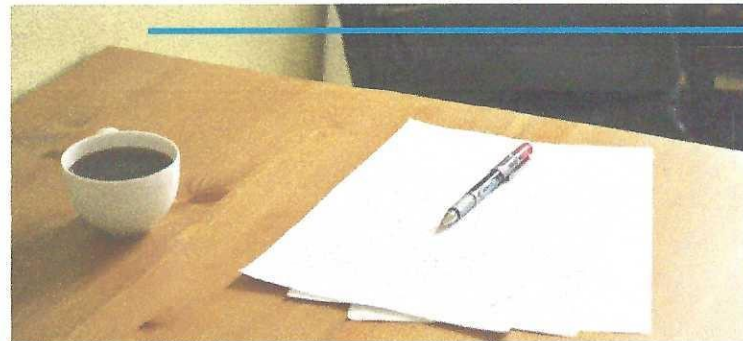


The **Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights** was enacted in 2019 to outline basic protections and fundamental rights for survivors. As a survivor of sexual violence, the time immediately following an assault can seem confusing and overwhelming. Next steps in the aftermath of an assault should be led by the survivor.

No matter what a survivor chooses to do in the aftermath of an assault, they should know their rights are guaranteed, even if the assault is not reported to law enforcement. The Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights declares all survivors of sexual violence have the right to be treated with dignity and compassion and the right to be free from blame. The Bill of Rights also affirms that the survivor should be free from any suggestion that they contributed to the risk of being assaulted. *Sexual violence is never the fault of the survivor.*

SURVIVORS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Choose whether to report to law enforcement.
- Be free from any suggestion that they must report the crime to have their rights guaranteed.
- Be free from any suggestion that victims should refrain from reporting crimes in order to avoid unwanted personal publicity.
- Have their report of sexual assault treated seriously.



SURVIVORS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF AND ACCESS:

- Existing medical, counseling, mental health, or other services available for victims of sexual assault, whether or not the crime is reported to law enforcement.
- Treatment and interviews provided in a language in which the victim is fluent.
- Assistive devices to accommodate disabilities that the victim may have.
- Testing for HIV or any other sexually transmitted infections and assistance with compelling and disclosing the results of testing for a communicable disease from the person who caused harm.

SURVIVORS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF AND ACCESS:

- **Evidence collection and preservation.** Evidence collection is time sensitive and should occur within five days of the assault. Survivors can choose to have evidence collected whether or not they pursue a criminal case. All forensic evidence is retained for a minimum of five years. If the survivor chooses to report to police, either at the time of collection or later, they can request information on the status of the evidence.
- **Financial compensation.** The Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) offers assistance with accessing compensation for expenses that occurred as a result of an assault, including the cost of mental health counseling, medical bills, relocation, and loss of earnings. Survivors can reach the VCCO at (877) 658-2221 or www.NJVictims.org.
- **A civil protective order.** Under the Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015, survivors can seek a civil protective order against the person who caused them harm if there is risk of further harm.
- **The no-cost services of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), if the survivor is over the age of 13.** A SART is comprised of a Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA), a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO), and a Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE).
 - **The CSVA is a confidential resource who can support the survivor through the SART process. The CSVA provides emotional support and can help the survivor explore their rights, options, and available resources.**
 - **The LEO can provide thorough and objective assistance in responding to and conducting a criminal investigation of sexual assault.**
 - **If the assault occurred within the last five days, the FNE can tend to the medical needs of the survivor and perform a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Kit to collect forensic evidence. The survivor can choose to work with one, two, or all three of the SART members.**

The support of a **Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate** is always available, **24 hours a day**. To learn more about survivors' rights and options or to speak with an advocate, contact your **local sexual violence service provider**.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
www.njcasa.org
24-hour Statewide Hotline:
(800) 601-7200



REFERENCES

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The New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) is the statewide organization representing 21 county-based rape crisis centers and Rutgers University's Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. NJCASA elevates the voice of survivors and service providers through advocacy, training, and support for efforts to create safer communities for all people.

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Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-60.1 et seq.

In New Jersey, victims of sexual violence are afforded the following rights:

- (1) To have any allegation of sexual assault treated seriously; to be treated with dignity and compassion; and to be notified of existing medical, counseling, mental health, or other services available for victims of sexual assault, whether or not the crime is reported to law enforcement;
- (2) To be free, to the extent consistent with the New Jersey or United States Constitution, from any suggestion that victims are responsible for the commission of crimes against them or any suggestion that victims were contributorily negligent or assumed the risk of being assaulted;
- (3) To be free from any suggestion that victims are to report the crimes to be assured of any other guaranteed right and that victims should refrain from reporting crimes in order to avoid unwanted personal publicity;
- (4) When applicable, to no-cost access to the services of a sexual assault response team comprised of: a certified forensic nurse examiner, a confidential sexual violence advocate, and a law enforcement official as provided in accordance with the Attorney General's Standards for Providing Services to Victims of Sexual Assault, and the choice to opt into or out of any of the team's services;
- (5) To be informed of, and assisted in exercising, the right to be confidentially or anonymously tested for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or any other related virus identified as a probable causative agent of AIDS; and to be informed of, and assisted in exercising, any rights that may be provided by law to compel and disclose the results of testing of a sexual assault suspect for communicable diseases;
- (6) To have forensic medical evidence, if collected, retained for a minimum of five years, and to receive information about the status of the evidence upon request;
- (7) To choose whether to participate in any investigation of the assault;
- (8) To reasonable efforts to provide treatment and interviews in a language in which the victim is fluent and the right to be given access to appropriate assistive devices to accommodate disabilities that the victim may have, whether temporary or long term;
- (9) To information and assistance in accessing specialized mental health services; protection from further violence; other appropriate community or governmental services, including services provided by the Victims of Crime Compensation Office; and all other assistance available to crime victims under current law;
- (10) To be apprised of the availability and process by which a court may order the taking of testimony from a victim via closed circuit television in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1985, c.126 (C.2A:84A-32.4); and
- (11) To be apprised of the availability and process by which to seek protections through a temporary or final protective order under the "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015," P.L.2015, c.147 (C.2C:14-13 et seq.), if the victim believes that the victim is at risk for re-victimization or further harm by the perpetrator.

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