

# SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS: KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!

## YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

### CONTROL

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You can make the decision whether or not to file a police report.

### PRIVACY

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Use a pseudonym (different name to protect your identity) and have your address and phone number kept out of court files relating to your case.

### A FORENSIC EXAM

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Free collection of evidence to support your case, whether or not you report the crime.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Be compensated through crime victims' compensation for financial losses resulting from the criminal conduct, such as: medical costs, moving costs and lost wages.

### BE BELIEVED

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You can refuse to take a lie detector test.

### PEACE OF MIND

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After indictment, have your attacker tested for HIV/AIDS and be notified of the results.

### SAFETY

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Have your safety considered when bail is set.

### INFORMATION

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Be notified of all legal proceedings, including parole proceedings and the defendant's custody status.

### INPUT

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Write a "victim impact statement" telling the court the impact the sexual assault has had on your life. This information will be considered during punishment and parole.

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### KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!

Contact one of the agencies on the back of this card for details and assistance today.

## LEGAL HELP

### Texas Advocacy Project

**888-296-7233** Sexual Assault Legal Line  
**800-374-(HOPE) 4673** Family Violence and Sexual Assault Legal Line  
[www.texasadvocacyproject.org](http://www.texasadvocacyproject.org)

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### Texas Law Help!

Online Referral Service | [www.texaslawhelp.org](http://www.texaslawhelp.org)

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**888-343-4414** **Sexual Assault Legal Services and Assistance**  
Free legal advice for victims of sexual assault or abuse.

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### Legal Aid Offices

**888-988-9996** Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (South TX & Border)  
[www.trla.org](http://www.trla.org)

**888-529-5277** Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas | [www.lanwt.org](http://www.lanwt.org)

**800-733-8394** Lone Star Legal Aid (Central and East TX)  
[www.lonestarlegal.org](http://www.lonestarlegal.org)

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### 800-622-2520 Legal Hotline for Texans

For Texans 60 and older, Medicare eligible, military veterans or older crime victims.  
[www.tlsc.org/hotline.html](http://www.tlsc.org/hotline.html)

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### 800-204-2222 Client Attorney Assistance Program

**x1790** Assistance with resolving complaints  
**800-932-1900** between clients and attorneys. | [www.texasbar.com/caap](http://www.texasbar.com/caap)

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### 512-474-5073 Texas Civil Rights Project

Assistance for immigrant victims of violence against women. | [www.texascivilrightsproject.org](http://www.texascivilrightsproject.org)

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## VICTIMS SERVICES

### 800-656-4673 Rape Abuse Incest National Network

Connects you to your closest rape crisis center 24 hours/day. | [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

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### 800-799-7233 National Domestic Violence Hotline

**800-787-3224 TTY** [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)

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### 800-983-9933 Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Program

Compensation for losses due to criminal conduct.  
[www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/about\\_comp.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/about_comp.shtml)

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### 800-848-4284 TDCJ Victims' Services Division

For assistance if offender is in prison.  
[www.tdcj.state.tx.us/victim/victim-home.htm](http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/victim/victim-home.htm)

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### 888-580-4357 Texas Youth and Runaway Hotline

**800-989-6884** [www.texasyouth.org](http://www.texasyouth.org)  
**(TEXT) 24/7**  
**512-872-5777**