

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

LEGAL HELP

Women's Advocacy Project

General Legal Hotline 1-800-777-FAIR
 Family Violence Legal Line 1-800-374-HOPE
 Emergency Advocate Hotline 1-888-325-SAFE

Lawyer Referral Service

1-877-937-9227
State Bar of Texas service to help you find a local lawyer.

Texas Lawyers Care

1-800-204-2222 Ext 2155
Locate the nearest Legal Aid office.

Legal Hotline for Older Texans

1-800-622-2520

Client Attorney Assistance Program

1-800-204-2222 Ext 1790
Assistance with resolving complaints about attorneys.

VICTIMS' SERVICES

Crime Victims' Compensation 1-800-983-9933

TDCJ Victims' Services Division 1-800-848-4284

TDCJ Victims' Inmate Status 1-800-535-0283

Texas Family Violence Hotline 1-800-374-4673

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
 1-800-787-3224 TDD

Child & Elder Abuse Hotline 1-800-252-5400

National Missing/ Exploited Children 1-800-843-5678

Texas Runaway Hotline 1-888-580-HELP

Texas Youth Hotline 1-800-210-2278

Missing Persons-Texas DPS 1-800-346-3243

Your Local Rape Crisis Center 1-800-656-HOPE

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
www.taasa.org
 1-888-91-TAASA

Sexual Assault Survivors — Know Your Legal Rights!



You Have A Right To:

- Make the decision whether or not to file a police report or third-party information report
- Privacy: use a pseudonym (different name to protect your identity) and have your address and phone number kept out of all files relating to your case
- Have the forensic exam paid for by the law enforcement agency
- Be paid back through crime victims' compensation for some of the losses incurred, such as: medical expenses and lost wages
- Refuse to take a lie detector test
- After indictment, have your attacker tested for HIV/AIDS and be notified of the test results
- Have your safety considered when bail is set
- Be notified of all legal proceedings
- 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
- Be notified of any parole proceedings and defendant's release from prison

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