

Guide for Victims of Sexual Assault

Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to file a police report. A victim may do so by coming in person to the police department and asking to speak with an officer, or by calling dispatch at 801-798-5600, or 911 in case of emergency. Victims may call dispatch or 911 to make a report at any time.

The process when reporting a sexual assault is as follows:

- A patrol officer will gather basic information regarding the incident. They will document the information gathered in a report. They will then refer the report to the Investigation Division where it will be assigned to a detective for investigation.
- The Detective will contact the victim and meet with them for a more detailed interview. If the victim would like additional support during this process, they can request the Victim Advocate to be present during and after the interview. At the conclusion of the interview, the detective will explain the investigative and criminal justice processes. If the victim advocate is present, they will discuss additional resources and services available to the victim. Available resources may include mental health counseling, medical care, emergency shelter, and more. The victim advocate can also assist individuals in filing for a protective order. Please contact Lexi Jackson at 801-804-4701 for more information.

Although victims are encouraged to file a police report, this is not necessary to obtain services and resources through our Victim Services. If the victim wishes to speak with an advocate only, they may call our advocate at 801-804-4701 and an advocate will assist them without having to speak with law enforcement.

More about the Spanish Fork Police Department Victim Services:

https://www.spanishfork.gov/departments/police/victim_services.php

Spanish Fork Police Department Sexual Assault Policy:

https://www.spanishfork.gov/docs/Police/Sexual_Assault_Investigations_Policy.pdf

Additional information regarding the Utah Code for sexual assault:

<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title76/Chapter5/76-5-S406.html>