

# How the Police Can Help If You Have Been Assaulted

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## Do I have to talk to the police? And what are the benefits if I do?

No. You do not have to talk to the police, but you may want to. You can have an advocate with you to help you understand your choices and the process. The police can collect evidence for use in the future, even if you don't want to do anything right now. They can determine if the assailant is a known perpetrator. If you have a protection order or no-contact order, the police can help enforce it. Early identification of evidence and potential witnesses will be very helpful, if you choose to move forward with an investigation at some future date.

***You have the right to a sexual assault examination performed at state expense.***

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## What are my options?

You have the choice:

- To participate in an investigation now, later, or never.
- To talk now, later, or never.
- To give your name now, later, or never.
- To give basic information about the incident or not.
- To give a full description (a statement) now or in the future to start an investigation.

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## What will happen?

The role of the police is to investigate crime and protect the public. The police will ask to speak with you so that they can explain their role and your options. If you provide them your name and contact information, they will call you to set up a time to give a statement in the next few days. If no name is given, they will not contact you. They will give you their card



You also have the right to request the presence of an advocate at any proceeding related to the offense. This includes but is not limited to medical examinations, law enforcement investigations, pretrial court hearings, trial and sentencing proceedings.

## **What resources are available to help me?**

**Ginnell Police Department**

**641-236-2670** or

**911** emergency response (24 hours)

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