

return to hurt your or your family, ask the officer for an Emergency Protective Order which will order the suspect to stay away for five court days.

You can also request that the officer protect your name from public record.

If You Are a Victim of Human

Trafficking:

The U nonimmigrant status (U visa) is set aside for victims of certain crimes who have suffered mental or physical abuse and are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity. As a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or labor/sex trafficking you may be eligible to apply for a temporary visa. For further information and referrals for assistance in Santa Cruz County you can contact:

Santa Cruz Immigration Project:

(831) 724-5667

Catholic Charities of the Central Coast

(831) 422-0602

To request a U Visa Law Enforcement Certification contact the Victim Advocate of the Santa Cruz Police Department.

(831) 420-5827

Emergency 911
VINE (Victim Notification)
(877) 331-8463

Monarch Services

Hotline (888) 900-4232

Santa Cruz (831) 425-4030

Watsonville (831) 722-4532

Walnut Ave. Family & Women's Center

Hotline (866) 269-2559

Santa Cruz (831) 426-3062

Suicide Prevention 988

Santa Cruz County District Attorney's

Office (831) 454-2400

Santa Cruz City Commission for Prevention of Violence Against Women

(831) 420-5363

UCSC CARE (831) 502-2273

County Mental Health Hotline

(831) 952-2335

Victim Witness Assistance Program

(831) 454-2010

Child Protective Services

(831) 454-4222

Adult Protective Services

(831) 454-4101

Survivors Healing Center

(831) 423-7601

Santa Cruz Police Department



Your Rights as a Victim of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Victim Services

The Santa Cruz Police Department provides services for victims of violent crimes in the City of Santa Cruz. The Advocate provides information about victims' rights and the criminal legal system and makes referrals to local agencies when appropriate. The advocate works with the investigator to ensure that all victims of violent crimes are treated with fairness and respect.

As a Victim of Sexual Assault You Have the Right To:

- Seek an Emergency Protective Order. If you have been assaulted by a spouse/ex spouse/domestic partner/boy/girl/friend and are concerned for your immediate safety you can ask the responding officer to contact a judge and request an EPO.
- Seek a civil order of protection. If you have been assaulted by a stranger you can contact the local rape crisis agency, Monarch Services, for assistance in filing a Civil Harass Order. They can be reached at: (888) 900-4232.
- Seek Financial Assistance for covering the costs arising from your assault by contacting the Santa Cruz County Victim Witness Assistance Center at: (831) 454-2010.
- Have a confidential rape crisis counselor and one other support person of your choosing present during any exam or investigative interview as long as the presence of those people are not detrimental to the investigation.
- Ask for the status and result of the analysis of all evidence related to your assault.
- Ask for the responding officer for a case number and who to contact for follow-up.
- Know that DNA and other types of

evidence can degrade/breakdown over time due to exposure, weather and other materials.

- Monarch Services can provide you with a confidential advocate who can give you more information about your rights and the services available for you here in Santa Cruz County.

You are never required to participate in the criminal justice system or receive a physical exam in order to keep your rights. You get to choose whether you get an exam, whether and how you report the assault, and how much you participate in the process.

- Whether or not the evidence is analyzed within 18 months of your assault.
- Whether or not a DNA profile of your assailant was developed from the evidence.
- Whether or not the DNA profile of your assailant has been entered into the law enforcement database.
- Whether or not the DNA profile of your assailant matches a DNA profile contained in the law enforcement database.

If the evidence related to your assault will be tested it should be transported to the lab and analyzed within 24 months.

The evidence related to your assault must be kept for 20 years, or for victims under

the age of 18 at the time of the offense, until your 40th birthday.

You have the right to request in writing and receive a free copy of the initial crime report related to your assault.

If your assailant is convicted and required to register as a sex offender you have the right to request their sex offender registry information from the Office of the District Attorney.

- To request a copy of your initial crime report and/or the status and results of the DNA evidence you must come to the Santa Cruz Police Department and submit a request on our Report Release Request form. You must also provide a valid photo identification to the Records Section. If you are unable to come to Santa Cruz Police Department you can provide a written request along with a notarized copy of a valid photo identification submitted with the request.

If You Are a Victim of Domestic Violence:

Domestic violence can occur between people of any sexual orientation who are married, separated, dating, have dated, are living together or have children together.

When the police are called to a domestic violence call state law requires that the officer(s) do a thorough investigation and identify a primary aggressor. Once the primary aggressor has been identified the police will arrest that person regardless of your wishes.

If you feel that the primary aggressor may