For More Information Please Contact:

Regina Sexual Assault Centre 306 - 352 - 043424-Hour Crisis Line

Regina Police Service Victim Services 306-777-6627

> **Regina RCMP** Victim Services 306-781-5065

Family Service Regina Domestic Violence Unit 306-757-6675

> Regina Victim/ Witness Services 306-787-3883



What you need to know

Sexual Violence

Ensure you know the information to help make informed choices

Regina and Area Sexual Assault Response Team It is recommended that individuals who have experienced recent sexual assault seek immediate medical care for their physical health.

Medical care consists of emergency contraception (morning after pill), antibiotics to prevent STI's, medications to reduce the risk of HIV infection, and treatment of physical injuries. Individuals can receive medical care without having evidence collected.

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If the individual is 15 and under, care will be referred to the Child Abuse Team.

A victim's confidentiality will be maintained except:

with their consent
in the case of a court order
if the person is under 18
if a child was harmed, or is at risk of being harmed

Third Option

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Third Option allows a victim to have a forensic medical exam to collect evidence, and have the evidence stored up to 6 months before being destroyed.

Third Option is for those who need more time to decide if they want to report to police. Third Option can be a good option for some; however, other evidence (such as at the location of the sexual assault) may be lost as time passes and can decrease the chance of charges or convictions. You can weigh the benefits with the risks.

Individuals must be 18 years of age or older to choose Third Option.

Anonymous Reporting Anonymous Reporting is an alternative means of communicating information about sexual violence to the police.

The Regina Sexual Assault Centre (RSAC) has been designated to take Anonymous Reports about recent and historical sexual violence. Individuals can call the Centre to make an appointment to report. During the appointment, a staff member will go through a form that asks for specific details about the event.

If clothing or other evidence is available, RSAC will provide a paper bag that can be used to store the items.

RSAC will attach a file number to the report and send the report (without names or other identifying information) to the police. The police add it to a system that allows them to track trends, including similar suspect descriptions. The report is kept by RSAC for 5 years before being destroyed.