

The Jefferson County Adult Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) seeks to improve services to adult victims of sexual assault and increase offender accountability. If you are a victim of sexual assault, whether the assault occurred recently or in the past, you may contact one or more of the team listed below for help connecting to resources.

**If the assault occurred in the last 120 hours (5 days)**

<b>Forensic exam at the hospital –</b>	<b>Report to law enforcement –</b>
<p>It may be possible to collect DNA evidence in the first 120 hours after an assault. We recommend going as soon as possible to the emergency room and request a sexual assault (SANE) exam.</p> <p>Both hospitals in Beaumont have or have access to specially trained nurses who can examine you, collect forensic evidence, and provide you with medical treatment.</p>	<p>If the victim of a sexual assault is a child, reporting the abuse/assault to law enforcement is required.</p> <p>Adult victims have a choice about whether to report their assault to law enforcement. If you are an adult victim and you haven't decided whether to contact law enforcement, you can still request a SANE exam. The evidence can be collected now and held for a time while you decide.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">St. Elizabeth Hospital</a>: 409-892-7171</li> <li>• <a href="#">Child Abuse &amp; Forensic Services</a> (next to Baptist Hospital): 409-832-0421</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Office</a>: 409-835-8411</li> <li>• <a href="#">Beaumont Police Dept</a> .: 409-832-1234</li> <li>• <a href="#">Port Arthur PD</a>: 409-983-8600 (0 for dispatch)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other immediate support</b> Sexual assault advocacy - <a href="#">Rape &amp; Suicide Crisis Center of SETX</a>: 409-835-3355 Domestic violence shelter - <a href="#">Family Services of Southeast Texas</a>: 1-800-621-8882</p>	

**Resources regardless of when the assault occurred**

<b>Dealing with the crime</b>	<b>Accessing resources for your own support</b>
Reporting to law enforcement (see above)	<p><b>Advocacy</b> Help with connecting to resources and navigating a variety of issues related to the assault (see above under 'other immediate support')</p>
<p><a href="#">Jefferson Co. Victim's Assistance</a> Beaumont - 409-833-3377 Port Arthur - 409-983-3377</p> <p>Crime Victim's Compensation (Texas Attorney General's office)</p>	<p><b>Medical care</b> Pain related to the assault - contact one of the SANE nurses: 409-832-0421 Testing for sexually transmitted infections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Finding legal help</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">LASSA</a>: 1-800-303-SAFE (Option 1)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Texas Advocacy Project</a>: 1-800-374-HOPE</li> <li>• <a href="#">Texas Law Help</a> (online, no phone number)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mental health &amp; counseling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Family Services of SETX</a>: 409-833-2668</li> <li>• <a href="#">Spindletop Center</a>: 409-839-1000</li> <li>• <a href="#">Samaritan Counseling</a>: 409-727-6400</li> </ul>