

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)

Forensic exam at the hospital –	Report to law enforcement –
<p>It may be possible to collect DNA evidence in the first 120 hours after an assault.</p> <p>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"> • St. Elizabeth Hospital: 409-892-7171 • Child Abuse & Forensic Services (next to Baptist Hospital): 409-832-0421 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Office: 409-835-8411 • Beaumont Police Dept : 409-832-1234 • Port Arthur PD: 409-983-8600 (0 for dispatch)
<p>Other immediate support</p> <p>Sexual assault advocacy - Rape & Suicide Crisis Center of SETX: 409-835-3355</p> <p>Domestic violence shelter - Family Services of Southeast Texas: 1-800-621-8882</p>	

Resources regardless of when the assault occurred

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