



State of Alabama Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights

This Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights applies to any victim of sexual assault. The contents of this Bill of Rights are prescribed by the Alabama Legislature in Alabama Code Sec. 15-23-121.

1. You are entitled to confidential support from a crisis counselor. Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673 or visit their website at www.rainn.org. Should a survivor prefer direct information from a service provider in their area, contact the Alabama Coalition Against Rape at 334-264-0123 or visit their website at www.alabamacoalitionagainstrape.org.
2. You have the right to have a sexual assault evidence kit collected and tested, regardless of whether you report the assault to law enforcement.
3. You cannot be prevented from nor charged for receiving a sexual assault medical forensic evaluation. (*A healthcare provider may bill a health insurer for providing a medical forensic examination).
4. You have the right to have a sexual assault evidence collection kit preserved by law enforcement agencies for at least 20 years or until you reach 40 years of age if you were a minor when the assault occurred.
5. You have the right to be informed by the investigating law enforcement agency of test results from the sexual assault evidence kit, including a DNA profile match, or other information collected as part of a medical forensic examination if the disclosure would not impede or compromise an ongoing law enforcement investigation, upon request.
6. You have the right to be informed of policies governing the collection and preservation of a sexual assault evidence kit, upon written request.
7. You have the right to receive written notification from the investigating law enforcement agency with custody of the kit or its probative contents, of the intended destruction or disposal of the kit or its probative contents at least 60 days before the intended destruction or disposal, upon written request.
8. You have the right to be granted further preservation of the kit or its probative contents for an additional 20 years, upon written request.
9. You may apply for Alabama Crime Victims Compensation to assist in out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of the crime. For application information and qualifying expenses that may be covered, please visit www.acvcc.alabama.gov or call 1-800-541-9388.
10. You may qualify for an order of protection from abuse, depending on the relationship with your abuser. Please visit your sexual assault provider or county Circuit Clerk for information regarding protection from abuse orders.

This page is for distribution to any victim of sexual assault by any law enforcement entity or any medical personnel. As a victim, you are entitled to the above rights. Please ensure the Alabama Attorney General's Office of Victim Assistance has your current address.

If you need further assistance, the **Victim Assistance Hotline can be reached at: 1-800-626-7676**. You may also reach out to the Alabama Attorney General's Office of Victim Assistance for further assistance by calling 1-800-626-7676 or 334-242-7342.