

## Victim Services

The Victim Services Division of the Kyle Police Department is dedicated to positively impacting the quality of life for the citizens of Kyle by assisting victims, survivors, families, neighborhoods and businesses experiencing crime or trauma.

A Victim Services staff member is available to assist victims, their families, and their neighborhoods. It is your right as a victim to request and receive these services. If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1. If you need assistance but it is not an emergency, you may call (512) 268-3232 for assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Types of Sexual Assault

Crimes that involve forced or unwanted sexual conduct are considered to be sexual assaults and can include:

- Acquaintance Rape/Non-Stranger Rape
- Stranger Rape
- Drug/Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault
- Forced Sodomy (Oral or Anal)
- Gang Rape/Multiple Rape
- Marital Rape or Marital Sexual Assault
- Object Penetration
- Same Sex Sexual Assault

It is common for victims of sexual assaults to question whether they were victimized and/or whether they are responsible for the event or the opportunity for its occurrence.

Because you may not have resisted verbally or physically, does not mean that you were not assaulted. A choice not to physically resist is often made as a means to avoid escalating the attacker's violence. Surviving the event may require you to refrain from saying "No". Use of a weapon or a threat against your friends or family could also be reasons that make it un-safe to resist.

A question that often surfaces for victims who know or are familiar with the attacker is whether the event is still considered a sexual assault. Sexual assault occurs any time the sexual event is not consensual.

Inability to remember the assault does not mean it didn't occur. Although this may make prosecution difficult or not possible, reporting the incident to law enforcement is welcomed and encouraged.

Many times alcohol and/or drugs are used as an excuse or explanation for the assault. Being unconscious or asleep during the assault may cause doubt about the event. The key is to consider the fact that in these states of mind providing

consent is not possible and if you did not give consent, it is sexual assault.

## Time and Patience

Recognize that healing from sexual assault takes time. Give yourself the time you need. Many different reactions are understandable and do not mean that you are "going crazy." You may also find your-self reliving the incident, trying to find an alternative response or different outcome. You may see these possibilities in retrospect (now that the immediate danger has passed), but do not forget the reality of what happened. During the assault you were powerless and in a state of fear.

Always remember you are not to blame and that your actions were understandable given the potentially life-threatening circumstances of the assault.

These reactions may occur immediately after the event or come to the surface at a later time—days, weeks, or months later. You may feel that you are overreacting to normal everyday circumstances and concerns. You may also feel that you are not reacting enough. You may experience one, a few, or several of these.

## Common Reactions

It's important to remember that a variety of reactions after a traumatic experience can occur. Some of the normal reactions and thoughts you may experience can include:

- **Anger:** I want to kill him/her.
- **Anxiety:** I'm having panic attacks. I can't breathe. I can't stop shaking. I can't sit still. I feel edgy and overwhelmed.
- **Appetite:** I am not hungry at all. I am eating a lot more than I normally do.
- **Concentration:** Inability to concentrate or function at a normal level.
- **Denial:** It wasn't really a "rape."
- **Depression:** How am I going to get through this? I'm so tired. I feel so helpless. I might be better off dead.
- **Disbelief:** Did it really happen? Why Me? Maybe I just made it up.
- **Disorientation:** I don't know what day it is, or where I'm supposed to be. I keep forgetting things.
- **Distrust:** I think that that person over there is lying to me and will betray my trust.
- **Embarrassment:** What will people think? I can't tell my family or friends.
- **Emotional Shock:** I feel so numb. Why am I so calm? Why can't I cry?
- **Fear:** I'm scared of everything. What if I am pregnant? Could I get an STD or even AIDS? How can I ever feel

safe again? Do people know there is anything wrong? I can't sleep because I know I'll have nightmares. I am afraid I am going crazy. I don't want to be alone.

- **Guilt:** I feel as if it's my fault, or did something to make this happen. If only I had...
- **Nightmares:** I keep reliving the incident over and over when I sleep. I am not sleeping well at night.
- **Powerlessness:** Will I ever feel in control again?
- **Self Confidence:** I am a horrible person because of this. No one will ever love me.
- **Sexual relationships suffer:** I can't stand to be touched. Having sex reminds me of the assault. I don't trust my partner not to hurt me. My partner will leave me if I don't have sex with them.
- **Shame:** I feel so dirty, like there is something wrong with me. I want to wash my hands or shower all the time.
- **Triggers:** I keep having flashbacks. I smelled or saw something that reminded me of the assault. I'm still reliving it. I see their face all the time.

These responses will likely subside with time. However, if reactions are especially troubling or long lasting, you may consider turning to a helping professional for assistance.

## Judicial System

For many, this may be the first involvement with law enforcement or the judicial system. It's very common for people to expect what they have seen on television or movies to apply to their current circumstances. Unfortunately, these expectations are often unrealistic or a distorted snapshot of how things truly operate.

Texas has laws and regulations in place aimed at protecting victims. For cases involving prosecution, court advocates can provide you with information, education, and support that will help reduce fears and uncertainties.

Criminal case resolution by plea agreement is a practice that is often utilized. Through both negotiation and agreement, this approach to resolution can prevent the need for testifying in court.

Education and information regarding how the judicial system operates can assist victims and their family in the reduction of trauma.

## Statistics

During the year of 2022, HCWC or Hays-Caldwell Women's Center provided support for 80 victims of Sexual Assault who are/were community members of Kyle.

## Rights of Crime Victims

The rights to protection from threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts.

The right to have your safety and that of your family taken into consideration when bail is being considered.

If you so request, the right to be informed in advance about court proceedings, including cancellations or rescheduling.

If you so request, the right to information about procedures in the criminal investigations of your case by law enforcement officials, and about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea bargaining, restitution, appeals, and parole from the prosecutor's office.

The right to receive information about the Texas Crime Victim's Compensation Fund that provides financial assistance to victims of violent crimes and, if you so request, referral to social service agencies that may provide additional help.

The right to provide information to the probation department conducting a pre-sentence investigation on the impact of the crime.

The right to have a law enforcement agency pay for medical examinations for victims of sexual assault and request the right to counseling regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for sexual assault victims.

If you so request, the right to be notified of parole proceedings by the Victim Services Section of the Pardons and Paroles Division, the right to participate in the parole process by submitting a victim impact statement or other information, and the right to be notified of the inmate's release.

The right to be present at all public court proceedings, if the presiding judge permits.

The right to a safe waiting area before and during court proceedings.

The right to prompt return of any property that is no longer required as evidence.

If you so request, the right to have the prosecutor notify your employer that the need for your testimony may involve your absence from work.

The right to complete a Victim Impact Statement, detailing the emotional, physical and financial impact that the crime has had on you and your family, and to have that statement considered by the judge at sentencing and by the parole board prior to taking any parole action.

A victim of a sexual assault, stalking, family violence or human trafficking may choose a pseudonym to be used instead of the victim's name to designate the victim in all public files and records concerning the offense.

Section 92.016 and 92.1061 of the Texas Property Code allows for victims of certain crimes to terminate residential leases for their safety.

## Helpful Phone Numbers

### Victim Assistance Programs

District Attorney's Office (512) 393-7617  
Hays County Sheriff's Office (512) 393-7617  
San Marcos Police Department (512) 753-2106

### 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center (512) 396-4357  
Roxanne's House (512) 396-7276  
National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233  
\*TDD/TTY (800) 787-3224  
National Sexual Assault Hotline (800) 656-4673  
Teen Dating Abuse Hotline (866) 331-9474

### Criminal Case Information

District Attorney's Office (512) 393-7700  
Protective Orders (512) 393-7600  
Hays Co. Sheriff's Office (512) 393-7800  
Hays Co, Constable (Precinct 2) (512) 268-0785  
Justice of the Peace (512) 268-3151  
Magistrates (512) 393-7872/7871  
Municipal Court – Kyle (512) 262-3940/3941  
Warrant Office (512) 393-7878

### VINE - Jail & Release Information:

(Victim Information Notification Everyday)

(877)-894-8463

[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

### Civil Case Information

Hays Co. CPS/APS (512) 753-2259  
Family Law Line (800) 777-FAIR  
Family Violence Legal Line (800) 374-HOPE  
Domestic Relations (512) 854-9696  
(Final Court Order Only)  
Dispute Resolution (512) 878-0382  
Legal Aid (512) 374-2700  
Texas Advocacy Project (512) 476-5770  
Lawyer Referral Service (512) 472-8303

### Counseling/Support Services

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center (512) 396-3404  
Roxanne's House (512) 396-7276  
(Children's Advocacy Ctr)  
Youth Council (512) 754-0500  
Southside Community Center (512) 392-6016  
Scheib Mental Health Center (512) 392-7151  
Hays-Caldwell Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse (512) 396-7695

### Family/Emergency Services

Seton Medical Center – Hays (512) 504-5125/5000  
Dells Children Hospital (512) 324-0000  
Hays Co. Personal Health Dept (512) 268-1270  
Hays CISD – Well Clinic (512) 268-5218  
American Red Cross (800) 928-4271  
Salvation Army (512) 476-1111



# KYLE POLICE

1700 Kohlers Crossing, Kyle, TX 78640

Non-Emergency Phone No: 512-268-3232  
Administration No: 512-268-0859

## Victim Services

## Sexual Assault

### Police Report Number:

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

KPD Web Site:  
[www.cityofkyle.com/police](http://www.cityofkyle.com/police)

Additional Questions?  
Email: [kpdivs@cityofkyle.com](mailto:kpdivs@cityofkyle.com)

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