



Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights

You have the right to get answers, the right to information, and a right to know. This pamphlet explains key rights, options, and helpful information and resources available to you. You decide. No matter what you choose, you keep your rights.

It's your choice to:

- Get a physical exam,
- Be part of a criminal case,
- Be part of a Title IX complaint through the university, or
- Report the assault

Safer

Safer is a campus resource committed to providing confidential advocacy and support services to students, faculty, and staff impacted by sexual harassment/assault, relationship violence, or stalking. Through compassionate care, survivor-centered advocacy, and comprehensive violence prevention programming, Safer strives to foster a safer and empowered campus community.

Safer - Campus Advocates

Phone: (562) 985-4770

Location: Student Health Services (SHS)

Email: Safer@csulb.edu

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

**After 5pm call the YWCA/GLA at (877) 943-5778*

- You have the right to have a sexual assault advocate and at least one other support person of your choosing present at any initial medical evidentiary examination, physical examination, or investigative interview arising out of the sexual assault.
- You have the right to request a person of the same gender or opposite gender present in the room during your interview with a law enforcement officer or district attorney unless no such person is reasonably available.
- Depending on what happened, you may be asked to go to the Sexual Assault Response Teams Professional Office for a medical examination completed by a trained Forensic Nurse Specialist. The initial evidentiary examination should be done as soon as possible within an ideal window of 72 hours; as potential physical evidence may not be useable over time.
- The Police Department pays for the examination cost, and you may contact your assigned Detective for the results.
- The collected evidence will be transported to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Crime Laboratory for testing within the time limits required by law. The evidence will be retained for at least 20 years or until your 40th birthday if you were under 18 at the time of the assault.
- Upon written request, the Police Department will give you a copy of the initial crime report at no cost.
- As a victim of sexual assault, your name, address, and other personal identifying information can be kept confidential.
- A prosecutor shall, upon written request, provide you with the attacker's sex offender registry information, if convicted.
- Sexual Assault victims may be compensated for crimes-related expenses and may also seek restitution from the perpetrator. To receive more information, contact the California Victim Compensation Program at 1 (800) 777-9229. You may also visit their website at www.victimims.ca.gov.
- **Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Tracking (SAFE-T):** You may contact the California Attorney General's Victims' Services Unit for a general location and status of rape kit based on data entered into the SAFE-T database.
- **VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday)** is a system designed to automatically notify victims by phone when their perpetrator is released from jail. This service is free of charge. To register for this service, call 1 (866) 277-7477 or visit www.vinelink.com

- CSULB Police Department (562) 985-4101
- CSULB Title IX Office: (562) 985-8256
- CSULB Counseling & Psychological Services: (562) 985-4001
- Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline: (877) 943-5778
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: (800) 656-HOPE
- LB Trauma Recovery Center: (562) 985-1366