

There is no right way to feel after experiencing a traumatic event but some common responses are:

- ◆ Change in sleep patterns
- ◆ Nightmares
- ◆ Uncharacteristic episodes of fear and nervousness
- ◆ Episodes of crying
- ◆ Unusual tiredness
- ◆ Confusion/Disorganization
- ◆ Difficulties trusting people
- ◆ Changed relationships with partners
- ◆ Increased alcohol or drug use
- ◆ Weight loss/gain
- ◆ Extreme anger

As an innocent victim of a crime in New York State, you have certain rights¹:

- ◆ To feel safe.
- ◆ To file a police report.
- ◆ To receive free services from your local victim service program, such as ours.
- ◆ To receive a free copy of your police report.
- ◆ To be involved in certain stages of the criminal justice process.
- ◆ To be notified of the defendant's incarceration status

¹ Adapted from the New York State Crime Victim Boards' booklet (rev. 9/21/05).

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The Victim Intervention Program provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes, as well as to their family and friends.

WE CAN HELP....

If someone has hurt you or forced you to have sex...

- ◆ Go to a safe place.
- ◆ Call 911 for immediate police protection and for medical attention.
- ◆ Go to your local emergency room for medical care and safety.
- ◆ Find someone you trust to talk to about your situation.
- ◆ Contact our program.

After surviving an assault, you may have many questions or concerns about your emotions, health, and the criminal justice process. You have certain rights that our program can assist you with. Anyone ages 12 or older can utilize our various services. You do not need to be a patient of this hospital to qualify for our services.

Services

Counseling

We provide crisis and short-term counseling to both survivors and/or their family/friends.

New York State Office of Victim Services

We provide information regarding your rights and assist survivors with filing compensation claims with the NYS Office of Victim Services.

Sexual Assault Advocates

We have trained volunteer advocates who are on-call overnight to provide crisis intervention to survivors of acute sexual and domestic violence in our Emergency Department.

SAFE Examiners

SAFE's are medical providers who are trained to provide collection of evidence, medical care, and emotional support to survivors of sexual assault in our Emergency Department.

Criminal Justice Advocacy

We provide guidance, support, and information to survivors regarding their rights and the criminal justice system.

Information and Referrals

We provide information and referrals to outside agencies for other services such as long-term counseling and legal counsel.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving additional support, counseling, information, or referrals please contact our program.

Our program has specially-trained staff that can assist you and your support system.

OUR SERVICES ARE FREE

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For more information,

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