

## **Guide for Victims of Sexual Assault**

Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to file a police report. A victim may do so by coming in person to the police department and asking to speak with an officer, or by calling dispatch at 801-852-6210 or 911 in case of emergency.

The process when reporting a sexual assault is as follows:

- A patrol officer will gather basic information regarding the incident. They will refer the report to the Special Victims Unit where it will be assigned to a detective for investigation.
- The Detective will contact the victim and meet with them for a more detailed interview. A victim advocate may be present to offer support and resources during the interview should the victim wish to have them present. At the conclusion of the interview, the detective will explain investigative and criminal justice processes. If the victim advocate is present, they will discuss additional resources and services available to the victim.

Although victims are encouraged to file a police report, this is *not* necessary to obtain services and resources through our Victim Services office. If the victim wishes to speak with an advocate only, they may call our advocate intake line at 801-852-6375 and an advocate will assist them without having to speak with law enforcement.

Additional information about the professionals who investigate sexual assaults or provide victim support services can be found [here](#).