



**SAAVI Response and Client Options:
Sexual Assault
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SAAVI's intent is to provide options and empowerment for victims through giving the victim choice in determining any course of action following a sexual assault. The following are procedures that SAAVI will follow when a victim presents at SAAVI:

Client will meet with an advocate who will provide crisis intervention and outline the various options a client might want. With each of these options, the SAAVI advocate will explain potential advantages to client and honor client's choices.

a. Police report:

- i. SAAVI will encourage police involvement and reassure the client that no prosecution will occur without her/his consent.*
- ii. If client chooses to have a police report, SAAVI will contact a detective from USU PD, Logan PD, or other appropriate area dispatch and request an officer. If law enforcement other than a detective responds to call, the officer will gather initial information from client at the SAAVI Office and convey that information to a detective as soon as possible.*

b. Code R exam with police report:

- i. If assault is within 3 days of the first meeting with SAAVI and the client chooses a police report and Code R exam, SAAVI will contact USU PD, Logan PD, or other appropriate area dispatch and request a detective to respond to the Cache Valley Specialty Hospital (CVSH). If necessary, the SAAVI worker will make arrangements with the police officer to transport the client to the CVSH.*
- ii. SAAVI will contact a SANE and make arrangements to meet at the CVSH.*
- iii. The interview will be conducted at the CVSH by the designated officer with any additional questions by the SANE being addressed after the officer has completed*

- his/her questioning. The officer, SANE, and SAAVI advocate will be in the interview room with the victim.
- iv. Following the interview, a Code R exam will be completed by the SANE. The SAAVI advocate can be present during the exam at the request of the client.
 - v. Following the exam, the detective will take possession of the completed Code R kit and any information required by the Medical Care Act.
 - vi. The officer will provide the police report number to the SANE, who will submit a CVR Fast Track form for reimbursement.
- c. Code R exam without police report:**
- i. If client chooses a Code R exam without a police interview, SAAVI will contact the SANE to make arrangements to meet at the CVSH. The client will arrange her/his transportation to the CVSH.
 - ii. Upon arrival at the CVSH, the SANE will contact law enforcement and inform them that she will be providing care for a rape victim who does not want to report. Law enforcement will respond and the SANE will give him/her information required by the Medical Care Act.
 - iii. An interview will be conducted at the CVSH by the SANE to ascertain the nature of the assault and determine the direction/scope of the Code R exam. The SANE and SAAVI advocate will be in the interview room with the victim.
 - iv. Following the interview, a Code R exam will be completed by the SANE. The SAAVI advocate can be present during the exam at the request of the client.
 - v. Following the exam, the SANE will contact law enforcement who will pick up the Code R kit. The officer will provide the police report number to the SANE, who would submit a CVR Fast Track form for reimbursement.
- d. Medical exam only:**
- i. If client chooses to have only the medical exam without a police interview, SAAVI will contact the SANE to make arrangements to meet at the CVSH. The client will arrange her/his transportation to the CVSH.
 - ii. Upon arrival at the CVSH, the SANE will contact law enforcement and inform them that she will be providing care for a rape victim who does not want to report. Law enforcement will respond and the SANE will give him/her information required by the Medical Care Act. The officer

- will provide the police report number to the SANE.*
- iii. The medical exam will be conducted without the forensic evidence collection and will include any of the following: history, physical, treatment for STD's, pregnancy test and morning after pill. The SAAVI advocate can be present during the exam at the request of the client.*
 - iv. The SANE will document police case number and submit CVR Fast Track form for reimbursement.*
- e. No exam or medical treatment at the CVSH:**
- i. If client does not wish any exam and/or medical treatment at the CVSH, SAAVI will provide referrals to the USU Student Health Center, Planned Parenthood, Bear River Health Department, or other available medical care entities.*
 - ii. Client will be notified by SAAVI advocate that any health care provider must report any care and/or treatment for any wound or injury as the result of a crime to law enforcement.*
 - iii. Also, the client will be told that they may incur charges from another health care provider.*
- f. Additional options provided by SAAVI:**
- i. Referral to the Office of Student Conduct (should the client be interested in making a report to campus officials)*
 - ii. Referrals to counseling and other community resources*
 - iii. Case management, including coordination with USU departments (Student Services, professors/instructors, registration, financial aid, etc.) and community entities (CAPSA, Law Enforcement, County Attorney's Office, etc.)*