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Sexual Assault & Anti-Violence Information
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Making a Report

Question: *If I decide to make a report about rape/sexual assault to the Police, what happens next?*

Answer: *That depends largely on you. Your options include:*

1. Documentation . You have the option of making a report strictly for the sake of documenting the assault. If you choose this route, no contact will be made with the offender, no further investigation will take place. If you do not wish to cooperate in the investigation/prosecution of your attacker, this is a valuable option for many reasons:

- Your report will allow the police to have more accurate picture of the extent of rape and sexual assault in our area.
- Your report may help police keep a running tab on regular perpetrators of sexual violence
- You may decide at a later date that you want to cooperate in an investigation/prosecution. The details of the event will have been recorded and time-sensitive information will have been collected.

2. Documentation and Police Interview with the Offender. If you choose this option, police will take your statement, and make contact with the offender. The offender will be notified that the Police are aware of his activities, that you have made a report, they will ask the individual questions about the event, and the offender will be instructed not to have contact with you.

3. Documentation, Full Investigation, and Case Screened for Prosecution. You have the opportunity to aid police in finding and appropriately dealing with those who commit sexual violence on our campus and in our community. If you choose this option, the following will occur:

- The Detective working on your case will do a full investigation of the incident and collect as much evidence as possible.
- The detective will assemble a report of all her or his findings and will deliver the case to the Cache County Attorney's office.
- The Deputy County Attorney will review the case and determine whether the case is able to be prosecuted in court (i.e. is there enough evidence, etc.)
- If the case can be prosecuted, the County Attorney will file charges and a court proceeding will be scheduled.

Please know that police agencies in our community and the Cache County Attorney's Office put survivors "in the driver's seat." If at **any** point in the investigation/prosecution process you choose to withdraw, your decision will be respected.

4. USU Office of Student Conduct. *This option is available whether or not you choose to talk to police.*

If the offender is a student, you have the right to make a report to the Office of Student Conduct. All matters that are reported to this office are handled confidentially, and sensitively. Student Conduct calls and oversees disciplinary hearings for students who violate the Student Code. These proceedings are confidential, and only those directly involved are invited to attend. If appropriate (regardless of whether or not there is a related criminal court case) the offending student can be punished and/or removed from campus.