

ABOUT SAIC

The Sexual Assault Interagency Council (SAIC) is committed to improving the response to sexual assault in the city and county of Denver.

SAIC ensures a consistent, collaborative, and culturally competent response from the criminal justice system, hospitals, and victim service providers to encourage reporting and promote recovery.

Partner agencies included in this brochure signed the Denver Sexual Assault Protocol. They agree to comply with their respective written policies and to participate in a multidisciplinary coordinated response to sexual assault and its victims.

SAIC wants to hear from you about the sexual assault services you received in Denver. Please call the SAIC office to offer your ideas or to find out what kind of help is available. You can also tell us what you think through an anonymous written survey. Call SAIC or visit our website www.denversaic.org to complete the survey.

VICTIM COMPENSATION

If you qualify, you may be compensated for reasonable medical and hospital expenses, counseling, and loss of earnings. Compensation does not cover loss of money or personal property.

To be eligible you must have:

- Reported the crime to the police
- Cooperated with law enforcement and prosecutors
- Filed your claim within one year of the assault



SAIC MEMBERS

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| Asian Pacific Development Center | 303-393-0304 |
| Colorado Anti-Violence Program | 303-839-5204 |
| Colorado Attorney General's Office | 303-866-5788 |
| Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault | 303-861-7033 |
| Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance | 303-861-1160 |
| Denver Center for Crime Victims | 303-860-0660 |
| Hotline | 303-894-8000 |
| TTY | 303-860-9555 |
| Espanol | 303-718-8289 |
| Denver County Probation | 720-913-8300 |
| District Court Probation – Adult | 720-913-4700 |
| District Court Probation – Juvenile | 720-913-4200 |
| Denver Department of Human Services | 720-944-3000 |
| Denver District Attorney's Office | 720-913-9000 |
| Denver Health Medical Center | 303-436-7390 |
| After Hours Emergency Dept. | 303-436-8100 |
| Denver Indian Health and Family Services | 303-781-4050 |
| Denver Police Department | |
| Investigations – Sex Crimes Unit | 720-913-6050 |
| Victim Assistance | 720-913-6035 |
| Domestic Violence Initiatives for Women with Disabilities | |
| V/TTY | 303-839-5510 |
| Rape Assistance and Awareness Program | |
| Administration | 303-329-9922 |
| Hotline | 303-322-7273 |
| TTY | 303-329-0023 |
| Espanol | 303-329-0031 |
| Servicios de La Raza | 303-458-7088 |
| College Campuses: | |
| Auraria Campus Police Department | 303-556-3271 |
| Community College of Denver | 303-556-2413 |
| Metropolitan State College of Denver | 303-556-3559 |
| UC at Denver & Health Sciences Center | 303-556-3559 |
| Johnson and Wales University | 303-256-9500 |
| Regis University | 303-458-4122 |
| University of Denver | 303-871-3853 |



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RAPE ASSISTANCE AND AWARENESS PROGRAM (RAAP)

RAAP offers survivors of sexual assault a safe place to talk and ask questions. Trained hotline advocates who are fluent in both English and Spanish are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A TTY line is available M-F 9am-5pm for hearing impaired callers.

You can use short- and long-term counseling services, even if you do not report the sexual assault to the police.

RAAP offers individual and group counseling services, in addition to case management services, in both English and Spanish.

A RAAP case manager is available to you to provide a link to numerous support services you may need as a result of the crime. RAAP also provides accompaniment to the hospital, to interviews with police and the district attorney, and court appearances.

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT (DPD) COMMUNICATIONS AND PATROL

If you have been sexually assaulted, call 911 as soon as possible. Listen carefully to the operator's questions and answer them completely. Make sure the operator understands you have been sexually assaulted. Tell the operator if you have been physically injured.

Remember, most victims are raped by someone they know. Do not hesitate to call 911 if you know the offender.

In order to preserve evidence, do not bathe or destroy clothing and bedding. If you suspect you were drugged, save urine in a container.

An officer will come to your location to interview you and other witnesses, investigate the crime scene, prepare an offense report, and transport you to the hospital for an exam.

The Victim Assistance Unit (VAU) of DPD provides 24-hour crisis-intervention services for you and /or your family at the crime scene or another location such as a medical facility.

DENVER HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER (DHMC) EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

You will be taken to a private treatment room and treated by a forensically trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). Clinical social work staff are available to provide crisis counseling, support and referrals.

Your immediate medical needs are the primary concern of DHMC staff. Medical personnel will conduct a physical examination and provide information about possible pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV infection.

Medical personnel may also conduct a forensic examination to collect evidence. If the sexual assault has not already been reported to the police, DHMC will notify law enforcement. An officer will come to the emergency department to speak with you. You have the option of declining to speak to the officer; however, cooperation with police is encouraged.

DPD INVESTIGATIONS SEX CRIMES UNIT (SCU)

The sexual assault offense report is hand-carried by the responding officer to the Sex Crimes Unit (SCU). The case is then assigned to a detective who specializes in sexual assault investigations. The Victim Assistance Unit will send you a letter and attempt to contact you by telephone within 72 hours. They provide resources, referrals, and criminal justice system information. The VAU office is open 365 days a year.

The detective will interview you, any witnesses, and suspects, and will collect and analyze evidence. Interviews must be conducted as soon as possible. Telephone the SCU if you are unable to appear for the interview when requested. Please be aware the victim interviews are detailed and will include very specific questions about the sexual assault.

The investigation process takes time, so please be patient. You will be notified of significant case developments, and you will be informed of the District Attorney's decision whether to file charges for prosecution.

DENVER DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (DA)

The DA Intake Section decides whether or not sexual assault charges will be filed for prosecution.

If the DA's Office files a case, it is assigned to a team that includes the deputy district attorney, investigator, victim advocate, and legal secretary.

The team provides information and support through the court process. Services include:

- Updates on case status
- Referrals for support services
- Accompaniment to all court appearances
- Hearing and trial preparation
- Assistance with victim impact statement
- Consultation regarding plea negotiations
- Documentation of financial losses for restitution

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (AG)

If the judgment of conviction or sentence is appealed in your case, the AG Victim Assistant will accompany you to any hearings held and provide updates and explanations of the process, referrals, and assistance with the victim compensation application.

COLLEGE CAMPUSES

If you have been sexually assaulted and are a college student, additional rights, resources and reporting options may be available to you. If you are not a college student, but a known suspect has such affiliation, sanctioning may be available at the University level. Please contact the applicable University resources listed under SAIC Members.