FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are state and federal funds available for victims of crime. To qualify for certain funds you must make a police report. The following agencies can help you apply for this compensation:

Cal Victim Compensation Program (800) 777-9229 www.calvcp.ca.gov

Alameda County DA Victim Witness Assistance Division (510) 272-6180 www.askvw@acgov.org You may also be entitled to compensation from the defendant if there is a criminal case.

YOUR RIGHTS

You still have rights under the law even if you do not want to talk to the police about what happened or have an examination to find possible evidence of a crime.



Office of the District Attorney, Alameda County Nancy E. O'Malley, District Attorney

YOU HAVE RIGHTS

AS A SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

As a victim of this type of crime, you have certain rights. We are here to help you understand your rights and give you information to help you through this process.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

You may have one support person that you choose and one sexual assault counselor with you when you talk to the police about what happened and also when examined by the medical examiners.

A sexual assault counselor is there for you 24 hours a day.

COUNSELING

The following places provide counseling for sexual assault victims:

Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) (510) 845-7273 www.bawar.org Highland Hospital (510) 437-4688 Sexual Assault Hotline (Nighttime only) (510) 534-9290 San Francisco Women Against Rape (SFWAR) (415) 647-7273 www.sfwar.org

Tri-Valley Haven for Women (800) 884-8119 www.trivalleyhaven.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline (800) 626-HOPE (4673) www.rainn.org

PROTECTION

You may be protected in the following ways:

- Emergency Protective Order Ask a police officer
- Criminal Protective Order Ask the District Attorney's Office, (510) 272-6222
- Civil Harassment Order
 www.courts.ca.gov/1260.htm
 Hayward Hall of Justice
 Self-Help Center
 24405 Amador Street, Room 501
 Hayward, CA 94544
 (510) 272-1393

MEDICAL EXAM

A medical examination may give us evidence to help prove the crime. It is important to try to collect evidence as soon after the crime as possible. If too much time passes, this valuable evidence may be lost permanently.

EVIDENCE

You have the right to know the laboratory results, if any, of evidence collected during the sexual assault examination.

To get this information, please call California Department of Justice Victims' Services Unit 1-877-433-9069

If evidence from your examination will be tested, it should be transported to a crime laboratory and tested within the time limits required by law.

The local police agency will store any evidence related to your examination for at least 20 years. If you are under age 18 at the time of the crime, this evidence will be stored until your 40th birthday.