



**SINGAPORE
POLICE FORCE**
SAFEGUARDING EVERY DAY

WHAT IS SEXUAL CRIME?

In Singapore, sexual offences include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Rape;
- Sexual assault involving penetration;
- Sexual penetration of a minor;
- Sexual grooming of a minor;
- Sexual abuse and exploitation of a child or young person;
- Procurement of sexual activity with a person with mental disability;
- Outrage of modesty.

Sexual crime can happen to anyone. The Police take all reports of sexual crime seriously.

If you are a victim of sexual crime or know of someone who is, report the matter to the Police. You may report the matter regardless of when it happened. Doing so as soon as possible can help preserve evidence. The information you provide the Police could help bring a criminal to justice and prevent further harm to other persons.

SUPPORT SERVICES

If you are a victim of sexual crime or know of someone who is, the following services can provide you with support and advice:

CARE CORNER PROJECT START

Provides victims with easy access to help

Call: **6476-1482** (Mon – Fri: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm; except public holidays)

Email: projectstart@carecorner.org.sg

Web: <https://www.carecorner.org.sg/services/sexual-assault-recovery/>

NATIONAL ANTI-VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT HELPLINE (NAVH)

To report and seek help relating to violence, abuse, or neglect, including sexual violence and sexual harassment

Helpline: **1800-777-0000** (24-hour)

Online Reporting Form: <https://go.gov.sg/navh>

PAVE

An Integrated service for family violence, child protection and sexual abuse

Tel: **6555-0390** (Mon – Fri: 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 6pm; except public holidays)

Email: intake@pave.org.sg

SAMARITANS OF SINGAPORE (SOS)

Provides emotional support for those in crisis, thinking about suicide, or affected by suicide

Hotline: **1767** (24-hour)

WhatsApp CareText: **9151 1767** (24-hour)

CareMail: pat@sos.org.sg

SHECARES@SCWO

One-stop support centre for victims or survivors of online harms

Helpline: **8001-01-4616** (Mon – Fri, 9am – 9pm)

WhatsApp Textline: **6571 4400** (Mon – Fri, 9am – 9pm)

Email: shecares@scwo.org.sg

TRANS SAFE CENTRE

A protection specialist centre working with individuals, families and the community towards safe relationships

Tel: **6449-9088** (Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm; except public holidays)

Email: transsafe@trans.org.sg

WITNESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

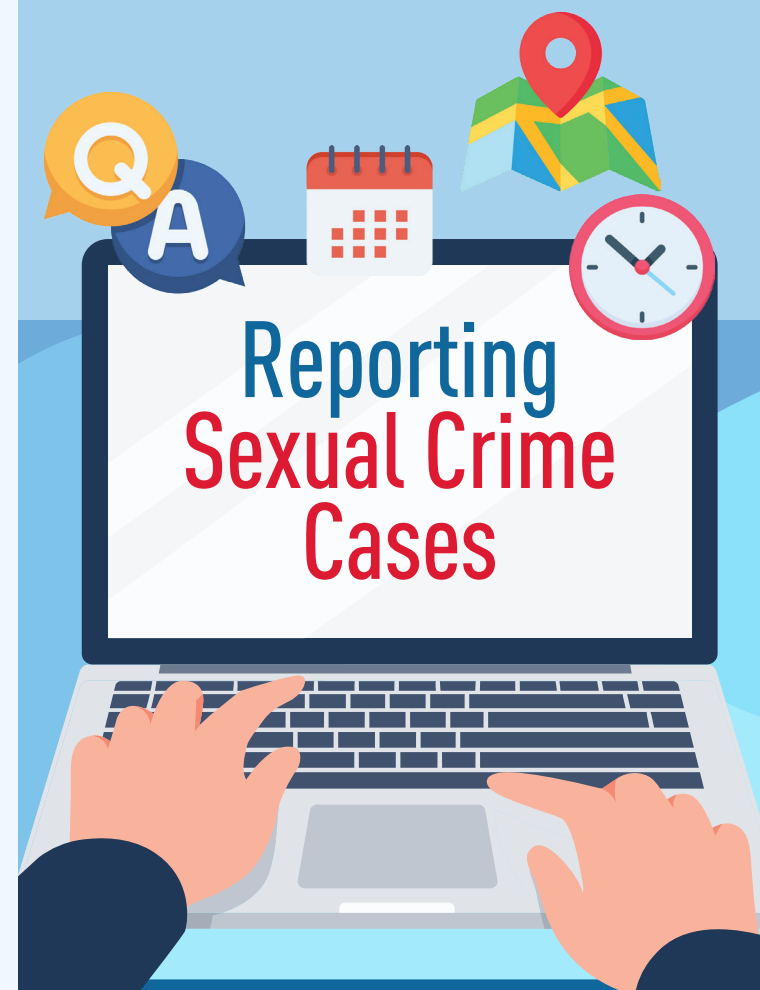
Provides support to vulnerable witnesses in criminal cases who have to give evidence in court against alleged perpetrators

Helpline: **1800-JUSTICE** (1800-587-8423) (Mon – Thu: 8.30am – 6pm; Fri: 8.30am – 5.30pm)

Email: sc_centre_for_specialist_svcs@judiciary.gov.sg

Referral will be made through the prosecution

Call 999 if you require immediate assistance from the Police, or visit the nearest Neighbourhood Police Centre. We are available to assist and help you anytime.



**Investigation and
Court Processes**

HOW DO THE POLICE INVESTIGATE SEXUAL CRIME?

DURING INVESTIGATION

The Police adopt a victim-centric approach in our investigation process, which includes i) receiving a report, ii) conducting interviews and statement recording, iii) gathering of evidence, and iv) referring the case to the Attorney-General's Chambers for review on the appropriate outcome. Generally, cases with higher complexity will take longer to be investigated. In certain instances, investigation and Court processes may be protracted. However, there are measures to support the victim throughout the process.

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If a report is lodged at a NPC, an officer will interview the victim briefly in a private room and help the victim with the report lodging process.



2

An Investigation Officer (IO) specially trained to handle sexual crime cases will interview and record a statement from the victim.



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The victim may request to take breaks at any point of time. The IO will also offer the services of Victim Care Officers to the victim for emotional support.



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If required, the victim may be brought to the OneSAFE Centre or a hospital to undergo forensic medical examination.



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Throughout the course of investigations, the IO will provide the victim with periodic updates.



DURING PROSECUTION

If the perpetrator is prosecuted in court, the victim may be required to testify in court. There are measures to support the victim during the prosecution process.

- The victim's identity will be protected.
- The victim may be allowed by the court to testify in a closed-door hearing, behind a physical screen in the courtroom or through video link in a room outside the court, so that the victim does not have to see the perpetrator.
- Inappropriate questions that do not relate to the charge cannot be asked unless the court allows.



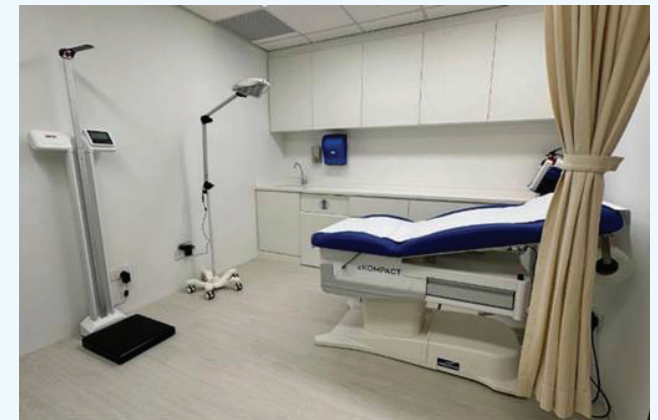
You may also watch the video at <https://go.gov.sg/spfvictimsupport> for more information on the reporting of sexual crime cases.

FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Victims of sexual crime may be brought to the One-Stop Abuse Forensic Examination (OneSAFE) Centre, located at the Police Cantonment Complex, or a hospital to undergo forensic medical examination.

- Conducted by a doctor and nurse to look for and document injuries, take swabs, and collect other evidence such as clothing and hair samples.
- Most useful when conducted as soon as possible to preserve evidence.
- Procedures will be explained to the victim before the examination, and the victim can ask the doctor, nurse and IO any questions about the procedures.

The victims are advised to report to the Police as soon as possible for evidence to be collected. If the victims have changed their clothes, they can put the unwashed clothes into a plastic bag and bring it to the police station.



Medical Examination Room at the OneSAFE Centre

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