

# Information to Adult Sexual Violence Victims

You have made a complaint of sexual violence  
to the Police

This brochure provides you with some brief  
information as to what you may undergo and  
your rights while assisting the Police  
investigation

# What to Expect in a Sexual Violence Investigation

## Statement Taking



You will be invited to recount what had happened to you in detail and what you say will be put down in writing. Thereafter, you will be invited to read, amend (if necessary) and sign on the statement to verify that the contents of the statement truly reflect what you say. The statement taking process may take a few hours. The statement will be served on the defence before the trial and you will be called to testify in court.

You are entitled to obtain a copy of your statement without cost.

If there are any new developments in the Police investigation, you may be invited to give supplementary statement(s).

## Physical Evidence



Your clothing may be seized as evidence. If possible, take spare clothing with you or ask family members or friends to bring you a spare set of clothes for you to change into.

Samples of your clothing may be required for forensic examination by the Government Laboratory, during which damage may be caused.

You may be requested to provide the Police with other items that will be of evidential value to the Police investigation. Examples are your mobile phone and /or computer. They will be returned to you as soon as reasonably practicable.

## Crime Scene Investigation



The Police have to establish the exact location of the offence and collect evidence from the scene.

For the purpose of investigation, you may be invited to return to the scene with the Police and describe how the assault took place.

## Forensic Examination



Forensic evidence is crucial in identifying the suspect(s) and enhances the possibility of securing a successful prosecution.

You may be invited to participate in a forensic examination. During forensic examination, a forensic pathologist may take samples and swabs from you, examine your wounds and intimate parts if necessary, and inquire about the possible cause of the wounds and your medical history.

## Identification Parade



If the Police locate any suspect(s) but the identity of that person(s) is / are in dispute, an identification parade may be arranged.

If an identification parade is arranged, you will be invited to identify the person(s) from a line-up comprising the suspect(s) and actors through a one-way viewer identification parade room. The suspect(s) will not be able to see you during the parade.

# Your Rights as a Victim of Sexual Violence

## Medical Service



If you require medical attention, the Police will immediately arrange for an ambulance to take you to the nearest public hospital.

## Accompanying Support



You may be accompanied by any person(s) of your choice throughout the Police investigation, provided that no unnecessary hindrance is caused to the administration of justice.

## One-Stop Service Model



If you have received medical services at a public hospital after making a Police report and the situation allows, you may choose to give your witness statement and undergo forensic examination at the same hospital.

## Translation and Interpretation



If your mother tongue is not Chinese (Cantonese) or English or you prefer to speak in a language other than Chinese (Cantonese) or English, an interpreter from the Judiciary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be arranged for you.

## Break and Refreshment



At any stage during Police investigation, feel free to ask for a break or water. Refreshments and meals can also be obtained at your own cost.

## Contact Information



After the preliminary investigation is completed, you will be provided with the case number as well as the name, rank and contact information of the officer-in-charge of your case.

## Protection during Court Proceedings



If you wish to use witness protection facilities, such as the use of screen (to hide you from the accused and / or the public gallery), giving evidence by way of a live TV link (to prevent you from facing the accused and public gallery), special passage, or your anonymity be preserved during the court proceedings, please let the Investigation Officer know as soon as possible.

The Investigating Officer will relate your request to the lawyer for the Prosecution who may make the relevant application to the court for and on your behalf. The provision of witness protection facilities such as screen, giving evidence by way of a live TV link, special passage, or anonymity in court proceeding is governed by common law and subject to the court's discretion. The court will carefully consider such application made by the Prosecution, and the view and argument of the Defence, with due regard to the facts of the case and your needs, before deciding whether to adopt any such measures.

# Support Services

The following non-government organizations offer specialized support services to sexual violence victims



Tung Wah Group of Hospitals – CEASE Crisis Centre



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RainLily



2375 5322



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The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong



2572 2222



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You may request their services by calling their hotline or the Investigating Officer may refer your case to the organization of your choice for you should you so wish.

