

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to seek a civil protection order, emergency protective order, or both to help keep you safe.

- Ask a law enforcement officer about the emergency protective order.
- For information on the civil protection order process, visit [www.courts.ca.gov/1250.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/1250.htm) or contact:

### Empower Tehama

1805 Walnut St., Red Bluff CA 96080  
**24-Hour Hotline:** (530) 528-0226  
[www.empowertehama.org](http://www.empowertehama.org)

**SHARP** (Self-Help Assistance and Referral Program)  
Tehama County Superior Court  
(530) 527-8649  
[www.sharpcourts.org](http://www.sharpcourts.org)

### Victim Witness

444 Oak St., Red Bluff CA 96080  
(530) 527-4295  
<https://www.co.tehama.ca.us/victim-witness-assistance-center>

Sexual assault organizations and domestic violence shelters have confidential advocates who keep conversations private.

### For more information and support:

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### MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Medical providers specially trained in caring for victims of sexual assault, providing sexual assault forensic medical exams and aftercare are available 24 hours a day.

### St. Elizabeth Community Hospital

2250 Sister Mary Columba Drive  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
(530) 529-8000



### Shasta Community Health Center

1035 Placer St.  
Redding, CA 96001  
(530) 246-5710



This card is an outline of your rights and resources and may not include all the rights and options that may be available to you. Under California law (Cal. Penal Code § 680.2), any law enforcement officer or medical provider must provide you with a card that clearly spells out your rights.

# Your Rights

as a survivor of Sexual Assault



### To speak with someone about your case, call:

- Tehama County Sheriff (530) 529-7900
- Red Bluff Police (530) 527-3131
- Corning Police (530) 824-7000

**Case Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



Provided by Empower Tehama's Tehama County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)



## Advocacy/Support

**Any questions** related to your rights as a survivor of sexual assault can be answered by a sexual assault advocate.

**Sexual assault advocates** are trained in support services through investigation and court process, crisis counseling and local referrals. All advocacy services are confidential.

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to contact your local sexual assault organization.

You may wish to speak with a sexual assault advocate at:

### Empower Tehama

1805 Walnut Street  
Red Bluff, CA 96080

24-Hour Crisis Hotline  
**(530) 528-0226**

## Exam

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to a forensic exam, regardless if you report the assault and participate in the investigation process. You get to choose whether you have an exam or not.

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request **financial assistance** to cover some costs arising from your assault through the Victim Compensation Program, and the process for applying can be found here: [victims.ca.gov/victims/howtoapply.aspx](http://victims.ca.gov/victims/howtoapply.aspx)  
A victim advocate can help you complete the application.

## Evidence

If the evidence related to your assault will be tested, it should be transported to the local Department of Justice lab for DNA analysis within 24 months of the exam.

The evidence related to your assault must be kept for 20 years, or for victims under age 18 (at the time of the offense) until your 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to ask for the results of the analysis of your sexual assault forensic evidence. Ask the law enforcement officer for a tracking number and the steps to get follow up information.

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request in writing, and receive, a free copy of the initial crime report related to your assault.

DNA and other types of evidence can degrade or break down over time due to exposure to heat, water and other materials. In general, DNA evidence on the body may last from 12 hours to 7 days.

## Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Tracking (SAFE-T)

Call the California Attorney General – Victim’s Services Unit at **(877) 433-9069**

for status of evidence based on data entered into the SAFE-T database.

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to be informed of the following:

- Whether or not a DNA profile of your assailant was developed from the evidence
- Whether or not the evidence is analyzed within 18 months of your assault
- Whether or not the DNA profile of your assailant has been entered into the law enforcement database
- Whether or not the DNA profile of your assailant matches a DNA profile contained in the law enforcement database

## Prosecution

If your assailant is convicted and required to register as a sex offender, you have the right to request in writing, and receive from the prosecutor their sex offender registry information. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request restitution from the offender.