

PRIVACY

NM law recognizes a crime victim's right to privacy. An attorney can help to protect your privacy.

IMMIGRATION

Immigration status should not hinder a survivor from pursuing help. Laws protect a survivor participating in the criminal justice process from negative immigration actions.

FINANCIAL

Emotional effects of an assault may impair functioning at work and attendance resulting in loss of income. A survivor may struggle to pay bills. Social benefits, unpaid leave, or other relief may be available.

TORT

A person, agency, or institution may be liable for harm to the survivor. The Community Justice Project can refer you to an attorney who can evaluate if you have a viable lawsuit.

The Community Justice Project provides legal advice, information, representation and referrals for survivors of sexual assault.

Justice is more than jail. Survivors need more than criminal prosecution of the offender. Often, survivors need legal assistance through the civil legal system. Many survivors need help more quickly than the criminal justice system can move. The Community Justice Project is committed to working with survivors to meet their current legal needs.

For more information, call your local rape crisis center or SANE unit. Or call toll free: 888-535-9009.

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LEGAL ISSUES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS



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Survivors face multiple life changes after a sexual assault. In addition to guidance navigating the criminal justice system, survivors may also want legal advice about civil issues.

The Community Justice Project can address many types of legal concerns of adult sexual assault survivors. If you don't see your legal concern listed here, please call for consultation or referrals.

CALL toll free 888-535-9009 to speak with a professional about getting started.



Areas of Life Affected By Sexual Violence

SAFETY

Order of Protection:

You can ask for a court order to keep the offender away from you. An attorney can help you do this.

Campus Stay Away Orders:

If you are a student, you can ask your school to issue a stay-away order to keep the offender away from you at school.

HOUSING

Housing issues may arise after an assault- at an apartment complex, public housing, on campus or with a landlord. An attorney can negotiate these issues on your behalf.

EMPLOYMENT

A survivor's comfort at work or performance at work may be affected,



Civil legal remedies can help you restore the parts of life that have been disrupted by the trauma of sexual violence.

especially if the offender is a co-worker or boss. Legal remedies may provide accommodations.

EMOTIONAL EFFECTS

Counseling is a helpful tool to continue a happy, productive life. Community Justice Project provides referrals to counseling.

EDUCATION

Concentration in school may be affected. The offender may be in classes with the survivor and accommodations will need to be made. School can also seem like too much and a medical leave might be needed, to take a break for healing. Financial aid- obligations can come due, or be lost, if action isn't taken to preserve the survivor's status.

