

NORTHWEST CENTER AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT 888-802-8890

WHEN A SEXUAL ASSAULT PATIENT IS
PRESENT...

Call NWCASA ASAP

It is Illinois Law to allow for a survivor to have an advocate present during their forensic exam. It is a Violation of SASETA and a Victims rights when you do not call NWCASA.

How to describe the role of an advocate?

An advocate is a support person, who is dispatched to represent the interests of the survivor. Not the hospital nor Law Enforcement.

An advocate will...

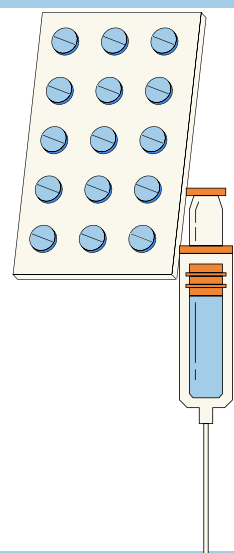
- Explain Evidence Collection
- Support choices
- Explain criminal justice system
- Maintain Confidentiality
- Follow up w/ patient and provide resources and referrals.

Outside of the hospital an advocate can...

- Help file Crime Victims Compensation
- File for an Order of Protection
- Support with VESSA/ Safe Homes Act

What to expect when you call NWCASA?

Call us asap, as we serve 11 hospitals and want to serve all survivors, your timeliness helps us execute better services. When you call 888-802-8890, you will be connected to our dispatcher who will collect your name and hospital you are calling from. A NWCASA Advocate will then return your call, and ask the following information:



- Are you a SANE nurse?
- Will a SANE be coming or will you be performing evidence collection?
- What is the patients name and age?
- Patients time of arrival?
- Is the patient able to consent to Evidence Collection?
- Can we get a phone in the room to speak to the patient?

Once we have consent from the patient we will head out.

If the patient is declining services, we will work with you to make sure they are still connected to resources.

