

**CSU East Bay Sexual Assault Counselors/Advocates**

**Campus-Based**

**National Sexual Assault Hotline**

Hotline staff are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via a national sexual assault

<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Patrol: 24/7 UPD Office: M-F, 9am-5pm	Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Closed Saturday and Sunday
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.csueastbay.edu">https://www.csueastbay.edu</a> <a href="https://www.hayward-ca.gov/police-department">https://www.hayward-ca.gov/police-department</a>	

More information about reporting sexual assault to law enforcement:  
<https://www.rainn.org/articles/reporting-law-enforcement>  
<https://www.rainn.org/articles/communicating-law-enforcement>

## Evidence Collection

### Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE)

(also known as “rape kits”)

A sexual assault forensic exam (SAFE) could be used to collect DNA evidence if the assault occurred within 120 hours. Specialized sexual assault nurse examiners collect samples from a victim/survivor that may contain DNA evidence to help a potential prosecution.

A victim/survivor has the right to have a support person with them and can say no to any part of the exam.

**If a person decides they want a SAFE, the sexual assault counselor/advocate can provide more detailed information and help coordinate response with police and the SAFE nurse.**

There are two types of exams: a VAWA exam and an evidentiary exam

	VAWA Exam	Evidentiary Exam
<b>Report Requirement</b>	Does not require a police report.	Requires police report
<b>Who Helps Access Exam</b>	This option is available through your campus sexual assault counselor/advocate as well as your local sexual assault/rape crisis center.	A police officer will schedule the exam.
<b>Who Are Exams For</b>	These exams may be appropriate for those that are not ready to speak to and involve law enforcement. Evidence from VAWA exams	

for two years in the event that a victim/survivor does want to engage with law enforcement. option available by filing a report with law enforcement.

**Level of Police Involvement**

Police officers will not take a report and should not engage with the victim/survivor. However, the police department will collect the evidence kit and store it until (and if) the victim/survivor decides to file a police report/criminal charge.

Police officers may:

Take a police report by interviewing the victim/survivor and possibly any friends/witnesses

It's ok if someone does not wish to file a police report or get a sexual assault forensic exam. That said, depending on the nature of the assault, it may still be important to obtain medical care to address potential injuries, exposure to sexually transmitted infections (STI's), or if there may be a risk of pregnancy.

**A sexual assault counselor/advocate can help explore and address issues such as resources to help pay for medical care and confidentiality**

*Note: Emergency contraceptives are also available at local pharmacies without prescription.*

### **Options for Medical Care**

#### **Sexual Assault Forensic Exam**

Location: Confidential

Contact Information: Local sexual assault/rape crisis center and/or law enforcement agency

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

*Notes: See above "Collecting Evidence" for more information*

#### **CSU East Bay Student Health Center**

Location: SHCS 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA 94542

Contact Information: Phone: 510-885-3735, Email: [shcs@csueastbay.edu](mailto:shcs@csueastbay.edu)

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Wed. & Fri.: 8:30am-5pm, Thurs.: 10am-5pm

Website: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/shcs/>

by abuse or assault. The victim/survivor, however, has the right to not speak to law enforcement or share additional information.

**A sexual assault counselor/advocate can help someone navigate any potential report made by a medical provider. For example, if someone does not wish to report to law enforcement, the counselor/advocate can help say no to a police report without feeling intimidated.**