

# Sexual Assault Crisis Center

Since 1973, the Sexual Assault Crisis Center has been providing compassionate, quality care to those who have been hurt by sexual assault or abuse, training for those who work with survivors, and community education. All services are confidential and include:

- 24-hour crisis counseling – (865) 522-7273 / 1-888-522-5244
- forensic nursing services
- criminal justice support and advocacy
- accompaniment at area hospital emergency rooms and the SafeCenter
- police and court accompaniment
- individual, couple, family and group counseling
- support groups for survivors and their loved ones
- self-defense classes
- sexual assault awareness and safety programs
- child sexual abuse prevention education programs
- professional inservice training
- lending library of books and written information
- programs in several counties throughout East Tennessee

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# Healing Begins in The Center



**SafeCenter**  
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(865) 522-7273

24-hours-a-day

A program of the Sexual Assault Crisis Center

## Things To Remember Following A Sexual Assault

- Sexual assault is any unwanted sexual contact. It is against the law.
- A person who survives a sexual assault made the best choices possible during the assault because she/he is still alive.
- Often decisions that have to be made after a sexual assault are extremely difficult. There are no right answers – only what is right for each survivor.
- **Immediate attention** is needed (within 72 hours) to help prevent infection and to obtain evidence.
- Showering or bathing after a sexual assault will wash away important legal evidence.
- The assault is **never** the survivor's fault. No one chooses to be a victim of assault.
- Every survivor deserves support.
- Support, forensic nursing services (which includes evidence collection), advocacy, and information are available at the SafeCenter, a program of the Sexual Assault Crisis Center. Call for immediate assistance, (865) 522-7273, 24-hours-a-day.

## What Is The SafeCenter?

The SafeCenter is a program of the Sexual Assault Crisis Center designed to meet the immediate needs of sexual assault victims. It is a facility where survivors can find support, get information and receive forensic nursing services.

A specially trained registered nurse (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) screens for injury and risk of pregnancy and infection, and provides preventative care as needed. She also collects valuable forensic evidence and secures it for future use in legal proceedings if the survivor decides to prosecute. A team of professionals consisting of a nurse, advocate, and law enforcement officers are available to meet with survivors and their loved ones at the SafeCenter 24-hours-a-day.

### The SafeCenter Provides:

- a secure, comfortable and professional environment
- forensic nursing services and follow-up healthcare information
- forensic evidence collection
- crisis intervention and safety planning
- confidential services
- support 24-hours-a-day