

**Article 56.021, Code of Criminal Procedure**  
**ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF**  
**VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

***A victim of sexual assault has the additional following rights within the criminal justice system:***

- (1)** if requested, the right to a disclosure of information regarding any evidence that was collected during the investigation of the offense, unless disclosing the information would interfere with the investigation or prosecution of the offense, in which event the victim, guardian, or relative shall be informed of the estimated date on which that information is expected to be disclosed;
- (2)** if requested, the right to a disclosure of information regarding the status of any analysis being performed of any evidence that was collected during the investigation of the offense;
- (3)** if requested, the right to be notified:
  - (A)** at the time a request is submitted to a crime laboratory to process and analyze any evidence that was collected during the investigation of the offense;
  - (B)** at the time of the submission of a request to compare any biological evidence collected during the investigation of the offense with DNA profiles maintained in a state or federal DNA database; and
  - (C)** of the results of the comparison described by Paragraph (B), unless disclosing the results would interfere with the investigation or prosecution of the offense, in which event the victim, guardian, or relative shall be informed of the estimated date on which those results are expected to be disclosed;
- (4)** if requested, the right to counseling regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection;
- (5)** for the victim of the offense, testing for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, antibodies to HIV, or infection with any other probable causative agent of AIDS; and
- (6)** to the extent provided by Articles 56.06 and 56.065, for the victim of the offense, the right to a forensic medical examination if, within 96 hours of the offense, the offense is reported to a law enforcement agency or a forensic medical examination is otherwise conducted at a health care facility.
  - (b)** A victim, guardian, or relative who requests to be notified under Subsection (a)(3) must provide a current address and phone number to the attorney representing the state and the law enforcement agency that is investigating the offense. The victim, guardian, or relative must inform the attorney representing the state and the law enforcement agency of any change in the address or phone number.
  - (c)** A victim, guardian, or relative may designate a person, including an entity that provides services to victims of sexual assault, to receive any notice requested under Subsection (a)(3).

# Resources

**Nat'l Sexual Assault Hotline**  
**800-656-4673**

## LOCAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Website)

## EMERGENCY / URGENT MEDICAL CARE

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number)

## HEALTH CLINIC:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number)

## ADDITIONAL REFERRALS

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