

Mecklenburg County

601 East 5th St., Suite 400, Charlotte, NC 28202
Main: 704.332.9034
Greater Charlotte Hope Line: 980.771.4673

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

National Hotlines

National Domestic Violence hotline.....800.799.7233
National Human Trafficking hotline.....888.373.7888
National Suicide Prevention hotline.....800.273.8255
Trevor hotline (LGBTQ youth).....866.488.7386

Domestic Violence

Safe Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter.....980.771.4673
Community Support Services (Women's Commission)....704.336.3210

Medical

Carolinas Medical Center (Main).....704.355.2000
Carolinas Medical Center (Pineville).....704-667-1000
Novant Presbyterian Medical Center (Main).....704.384.4000
Novant Medical Center (Matthews).....704.384.6500
Meck. County Health Dept. 249 Billingsley Rd.....704.336.4650
Meck. County Health Dept. 2845 Beatties Ford Rd.....704.336.6500
Cardinal Innovations.....800.939.5911
Care Ring: Medical and dental care.....704.375.0172

Mental Health

Mobile Crisis.....704.566.3410
Monarch.....704.986.1500
Behavioral Health 501 Billingsley Rd.....704.444.2400

Social Services

Mecklenburg County Dept. of Social Services.....704.336.3000

Legal

District Attorney's Office.....704.686.0700
Legal Aid/Services.....704.376.1600
NC Lawyer's Referral Service.....800.662.7660

Law Enforcement

Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department.....704.336.7600
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department.....704.336.2543
Mecklenburg County Magistrates Office.....704.686.0050
Matthews Police Department.....704.847.4069
Pineville Police Department.....704.889.2231
Mint Hill Police Department.....704.545.1085

Coordinated Assessment Shelters

Men's Shelter of Charlotte 1210 N. Tryon St.....704.334.3187
Salvation Army Center of Hope 534 Spratt St.....704.348.2560
Urban Ministry Center 945 N. College St.....704.347.0278
Innovative Community Resources 3700 Latrobe Dr.....704.921.6777

Children Services

Child Care Resources, Inc.: Assist finding daycare.....704.376.6697
Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center.....704.335.2760
Thompson Child & Family Focus.....704.376.7180

Other

Anuvia Prevention & Recovery Center.....704.367.7447
Charlotte Area Fund: Job training, classes, food pantry....704-372-3010
Community Link: Rent, utilities, homelessness.....704.348.2181
Crisis Assistance Ministries: Rent, utilities, clothing.....704.371.3001
International House.....704.333.8099
Med Assist.....704.536.1790
Justice Ministries, Inc.: Human trafficking case mgmt.....704.392.4981
Urban Ministry Center: Lunch, laundry, showers.....704.347.0278
United Way Information and Referral.....211

Lake Norman Area

19901 West Catawba Ave., Suite 203, Cornelius, NC 28031
Main: 704.655.8745
Greater Charlotte Hope Line: 980.771.4673

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Domestic Violence

Safe Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter.....980.771.4673
My Sister's House (Iredell County Domestic Violence shelter):
Counseling, victim assistance, advocacy.....704.871.0324

Medical

Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.....704.660.4000
Carolinas Medical Center (Charlotte).....704.355.2000
Carolinas Medical Center (Huntersville).....704.512.3100
Novant Presbyterian Medical Center (Charlotte).....704.384.4000
Novant Medical Center (Huntersville).....704.316.4000
Meck. County Health Dept. 249 Billingsley Rd.....704.336.4650
Meck. County Health Dept. 2845 Beatties Ford Rd.....704.336.6500
Iredell County Health Dept. (Mooresville).....704.664.5281
Cardinal Innovations.....800.939.5911
Care Ring: Medical and dental care.....704.375.0172

National Hotlines

Mobile Crisis.....704.566.3410
Monarch.....704.986.1500
Behavioral Health 16740 Dvdsn-Concord Rd. (Hwy. 73)....704.801.9200

When should I have the sexual assault kit completed?

In most cases, DNA evidence needs to be collected within 72 hours of the assault. Outside of 72 hours it is still important to see a medical professional.

Who performs the kit?

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a specially trained nurse who assists sexual assault victims 13 years and older in a confidential setting by providing medical treatment and collecting forensic evidence that will assist law enforcement and the district attorney in the investigation.

What about Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Pregnancy?

- Medications are offered to help prevent the contraction of the 3 most common STIs and HIV.
- Plan B helps prevent fertilization. It does not cause an abortion if you are already pregnant. It can be taken up to 72 hours after the assault has occurred.

Sexual Assault Statistics

You Are Not Alone

- Every 107 seconds, another American is sexually assaulted.
- Each year, there are about 293,000 victims of sexual assault.
- 1 in every 4 females will be a victim of sexual assault by 18.
- 1 in every 6 males will be a victim of sexual assault by 18.
- 92% of victims know the perpetrator of the sexual assault.
- 47% of rapists are a friend or acquaintance of the victim.

Sexual Assault Forensic Exam

Why should I have a sexual assault kit completed?

The kit collects evidence that can be used to prosecute a perpetrator of sexual assault. Even if you do not want to prosecute now, the kit will be held by the state for up to one year should you decide to prosecute later. You are also offered medication to help prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV, if appropriate.

Does the assault have to be reported to law enforcement?

The assault does not have to be reported to law enforcement in order to have a kit completed. The state of North Carolina allows victims to complete an Anonymous Kit at the hospital and law enforcement is not informed. Upon completion, the Anonymous Kit is sent to the LESS storage facility and stored for at least 1 year. Keep in mind, the faster the crime is reported to law enforcement, the more evidence can be collected.

How much does a sexual assault kit cost?

North Carolina House Bill 1342 § 143B-480.1 allows victims to obtain forensic medical examinations free of charge. Whenever a forensic medical examination is conducted as a result of a sexual assault or an attempted sexual assault that occurred in the state, the program shall pay for the examination. A medical facility or medical professional that performs a forensic medical examination on the victim of a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault shall not seek payment for the examination except from the program.

Kits are free regardless of whether or not the victim presses charges against the assailants. Please note that you may be charged for additional services performed outside of what is involved in the kit collection.

Legal

District Attorney's Office.....	704.686.0700
Legal Aid/Services.....	704.376.1600
NC Lawyer's Referral Service.....	800.662.7660

Law Enforcement

Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department.....	704.336.2543
Mecklenburg County Magistrates Office.....	704.686.0050
Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department.....	704.336.7600
Cornelius Police Department.....	704.892.1363
Davidson Police Department.....	704.892.5131
Huntersville Police Department.....	704.464.5400
Iredell County Sheriff's Department.....	704.878.3180
Iredell County Magistrates Office.....	704.832.6621
Mooresville Police Department.....	704.664.3311
Troutman Police Department.....	704.528.7610
Statesville Police Department.....	704.878.3406

Children Services & Social Services

Dove House Children's Advocacy Center (Statesville).....	704.883.9814
Iredell Smart Start.....	704.660.1557
Mecklenburg County Dept. of Social Services.....	704.336.3000
Iredell County Dept. of Social Services.....	704.873.5631

Other

Ada Jenkins Center: Free clinic, food, crisis, job training..	704-896.0471
Community Link: Rent, utilities, crisis, homelessness.....	704.943.9490
Childcare Resources & Information(Mecklenburg).....	704.348.2181
Daymark Recovery Services (Kannapolis).....	704.933.3212
Fifth Street Ministries Shelter (Statesville).....	704.872.4045
Mooresville Christian Mission: Financial & prescription assistance, food, job skills, housing, life skills.....	704-664-2357
Salvation Army (Iredell County only): Food, utilities.....	704.872.5623
United Way Information & Referral.....	211
Vocational Rehab: Job assistance w/ disabilities.....	704.788.2172

Other Frequently Asked Questions

How do I report the assault to law enforcement?

You can call 911 or go the police station in the district where the assault occurred. You can also report at the main police station at 601 E. Trade Street in Charlotte. Our advocates are able to help in this process.

How can I find out what is going on with my case?

You can start by contacting one of our victim advocates at Safe Alliance offices.

You can also contact the detective assigned to your case.

What is Victims Compensation?

Victims Compensation is a state-funded program that reimburses victims of crimes for their medical expenses, counseling, and lost wages that were the result of the crime. If you qualify, Victims Compensation will help pay for expenses incurred by victim of sexual assault. You must apply to Victims Compensation to see if you qualify.

Will Safe Alliance be able to accommodate my needs in regards to vision, hearing, physical, or intellectual disabilities?

Yes. Please let us know how we can best meet your needs while receiving services from our agency.

Recovering From Sexual Assault

You May Experience:

- Shock and disbelief
- Fears about personal safety and vulnerability
- Anger
- Feelings of shame, guilt, and humiliation
- Mood swings and depression
- Feelings of betrayal and loss of trust
- Changes in sleeping and eating patterns

Feelings vary by individual but are still normal whether you experience them immediately or weeks or months later.

Help with Recovery

Recovering from sexual assault is very similar to recovering from the loss of a loved one. Talking and sharing your feelings about your experience with someone who is supportive, open, and knowledgeable about this issue can help in the recovery process.

Safe Alliance offers advocacy and professional counseling for you and your family to help you during your recovery process.

How Do I Seek Help?

- 24-hour Sexual Assault Hotline: Trained staff and volunteers are available to support you.
- Hospital Accompaniment: Sexual Trauma Resource Center Companions respond to assist sexual assault victims and their families at the hospital.
- Advocacy: Victim Advocates are available to meet with you and your family, providing support throughout the entire process.
- Professional Counseling: Affordable counseling is available to victims of sexual abuse and sexual assault.

Services Provided

SEXUAL TRAUMA RESOURCE CENTER
Charlotte Office: 704.332.9034
Lake Norman Office: 704.999.5038

- 24-hour Sexual Assault crisis hotline (980.771.4673)
- 24-hour hospital response to accompany child/adult victims of sexual assault through the forensic evidence collection process
- Crisis intervention and advocacy services
- Information and support
- Safety planning
- Weekly support groups
- Counseling*
- Community referrals (food, clothing, shelter)
- Crisis Assistance applications
- Victims Compensation application assistance
- Assistance with the Address Confidentiality Program

VICTIM ASSISTANCE/LEGAL REPRESENTATION
704.312.1667

- 24-hour Domestic Violence crisis hotline (980.771.4673)
- Assistance obtaining protective orders
- Photo documentation of injuries
- Court accompaniment and support
- Possible legal representation in protective order hearings

***All services are free except counseling which is provided on a sliding scale rate.**

NOTES:

Nurse (SANE): _____

Physician: _____

Victim Advocate/Companion: _____

Law Enforcement: _____

Other: _____

Sexual Trauma Resource Center Resource Guide

Serving Mecklenburg County

What is Sexual Assault?

SEXUAL ASSAULT includes any sexual behavior that is against the will of another person (often through manipulation, force, or coercion). Types of sexual assault include rape, sexual battery, child sexual abuse, incest, and same-sex assault.

Sexual assault is not motivated by sex. It is a crime committed to exert power and control over the victim, or to inflict humiliation and violence upon the victim.

Greater Charlotte Hope Line

The Greater Charlotte Hope Line is a free, safe, confidential 24/7 phone line for Mecklenburg County residents seeking help for sexual assault, domestic violence, or parenting support.



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