



The Crime Victims Center
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The Crime Victims Center is a New York State Certified Rape Crisis Center. We are dedicated to the prevention and treatment of sexual assault through the provision of advocacy, education, victim services, counseling, policy and legislative support services. We also staff the National Megan's Law Helpline.

The Crime Victims Center links all innocent victims of violent crime to crime victim compensation and referrals for support services.

**If You Have Been The
Victim of a Sexual Assault
or Other Violent Crime And
Need Support Call:**

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Crisis Intervention
Criminal Justice Advocacy
Medical and Legal Referrals
Counseling Services
Adult and Child Victims
of Sexual Offenses

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Rape and Sexual Assault

Rape and sexual assault are acts of violence and can happen to anyone. Rape is sexual intercourse with any person without consent. Force may involve physical violence, coercion, or threat of harm. This includes situations where the victim is intoxicated, drugged, asleep, unconscious, or for any reason unable to give consent...basically, not saying, "yes". Rape can be committed by a stranger, an acquaintance, a friend, a date... by anyone. In fact, most sexual violence happens with someone the victim knows. A sexual assault includes the touching, either forcible or without consent of the private and intimate parts of the victim's body.

If you are a victim of rape or sexual assault:

- **Go to a safe place and CALL 911.**
- Call (631) 689-2672 for Crisis Support and Counseling Services.
- Preserve all physical evidence. Don't take a shower, bathe, brush your teeth, change clothes, douche, or throw anything away you were wearing during the attack - don't even clean your fingernails.
- Remember, you are not alone. You are a survivor. The information and support you need to make informed decisions and know your rights begins with a phone call to (631) 689-2672.

What Services Are Available?

- 24 Hour crisis support and counseling.
- Individual and group counseling, legal and medical information and referrals.
- Criminal justice advocacy including post-sentencing support, medical and courtroom accompaniment.
- Assistance with preparation of the victim impact statement.
- Assistance with VINE registration and follow-up on issues related to Megan's Law.
- Advocacy information and referrals for concrete services, housing, long-term medical services, employment referrals, child support enforcement and social services assistance.
- Assistance in filing for New York State crime victims compensation claims which relate to personal injury, death and loss of personal property. Expenses covered may include:

Medical and counseling
Loss of essential property (to \$500.)
Lost wages or lost support (to \$30,000.)
Transportation (court/medical)
Occupational/vocational rehabilitation
Use of domestic violence shelters
Essential personal property expenses

What Are Date Rape Drugs?

"Date rape drugs" is a term given to any drug that is used for the purpose of impairing judgement or affecting consciousness to the point where forced or non-consensual sexual activity can take place more easily or with little resistance.

Roofies (Rohypnol) and **GHB** (Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate) and **Special K** (Ketamine Hydrochloride) are the three drugs most commonly known as date rape drugs. If any one of these drugs were put into your drink, you probably wouldn't know because they are virtually undetectable; they are tasteless, odorless and mostly colorless. The fact is that any drug or alcohol can make an intended victim less able to protect him or herself, but these drugs have an added punch: Each of them can make someone unable to defend herself against attack in a very short time, in some cases, it takes less than one minute! Date rape drugs are fast acting so if you suddenly begin to feel abnormally intoxicated, disoriented or confused call a parent or the police immediately...you don't have much time to act! If you wait, you may become a victim of rape. If you wake up and have very clear signs that you were sexually active but have no memory of the activity, if you feel "hung-over" but did not ingest alcohol or only a small amount and if you have a significant memory loss you may have been a victim of a date rape. If you believe that you were raped by someone who used a date rape drug on you, you must act quickly. Do not change your clothing, shower, brush your teeth or go to the bathroom. Contact the police or your nearest rape crisis center immediately.