

Crime Victims Center

The Crime Victims Center is dedicated to preventing crime through the provision of prevention education programs, crime victim support services, and Megan's Law community support.

The CVC provides support and services to all victims of violent crime & their non-offending family members. The CVC assists elderly, minor, and disabled victims of both violent crime and property crime. Direct services include advocacy, counseling and assistance in obtaining reimbursement for medical & essential property loss expenses related to crime. Services are provided to surviving family members of homicide, victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, assault, hate crime, child sexual & physical abuse, motor vehicle (DWI) & (non-DWI), stalking, kidnapping, human trafficking, terrorism, arson, robbery, & confrontational burglary.

If you are a victim of rape or sexual assault, or feel unsafe in a situation; find a *safe place* & call 911.

Prevent & Support
The Crime Victims Center can help

- ❖ Call CVC at **(631) 689-2672** for Crisis Support and Counseling Services at no cost.
- ❖ Preserve all physical evidence.
- ❖ Call **(631) 332-9234** (24 hrs./day) for the information & support you need to make informed decisions and to know your rights.



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If You Have Been the Victim of a Sexual Assault or other Violent Crime and Need Support, Call:

(631) 689-2672
24 Hour Rape Crisis Hotline:
(631) 332-9234

The Crime Victims Center, dba, Parents for Megan's Law, Inc. provides services to all innocent victims of violent crime and does not discriminate in the provision of services based upon race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, or any other characteristic prohibited by law.



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Rape Crisis Center

- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ 24 Hour Hotline
- ❖ Assistance Obtaining Orders of Protection
- ❖ Criminal Justice Advocacy
- ❖ Counseling Services
- ❖ Medical & Legal Referrals
- ❖ Services for Adult & Child Victims

The Crime Victims Center is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention & treatment of sexual abuse and the provision of services to all victims of violent crime. Accessible services for persons with disabilities.

Rape and Sexual Assault

Are motivated by power & control.

Are NOT motivated by:

- ❖ The need for sexual gratification
- ❖ The way a person is dressed
- ❖ Overactive hormones
- ❖ Drug or alcohol use

Rape & sexual assault are acts of **violence** and can happen to **anyone, anywhere, & at any time**.

Rape is sexual intercourse with any person without consent. Rape can involve force, including physical violence, coercion, or threat of harm. Rape is also when a person cannot give consent due to their age, mental disability, and/or being mentally incapacitated or physically helpless, or any situation where the person is incapable of giving consent. Being physically helpless includes being intoxicated, drugged, asleep, or unconscious. Consent can be given or taken away at any time. Silence, or a lack of a **NO**, *does not* equal consent. Rape can be committed by a stranger, an acquaintance, a friend, a relative, a date, & 70% of sexual violence cases are committed by someone known to the victim.

Long term effects on survivors, include, but are not limited to:

STI's, pregnancy, substance abuse, dissociation, eating disorders, sleeping disorders, self-harm, suicide attempts, depression, and PTSD.

Counseling is available at no cost & support services are available *24 hours a day*.

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Available Services

- ❖ 24 Hour crisis support & counseling
- ❖ Individual & group counseling at no cost
- ❖ Obtaining an order of protection assistance
- ❖ Criminal justice advocacy, including post-sentencing support, medical & courtroom accompaniment
- ❖ Legal & medical information and referrals
- ❖ Victim impact statement preparation assistance
- ❖ VINE registration assistance
- ❖ Follow-up on Megan's Law issues
- ❖ Advocacy information & referrals for support services: housing, long-term medical services, employment, child support enforcement, and social services assistance
- ❖ Aid in filing for New York State crime victim's compensation claims that relate to personal injury, death, and personal property loss.
Expenses covered may include:
 - Medical & counseling
 - Loss of essential property (to \$500)
 - Lost wages/support (to \$30,000)
 - Transportation (court/medical)
 - Occupational/vocational rehabilitation
 - Domestic violence shelters

Date Rape Drugs

"Date rape drugs" are those drugs that are used for the purpose of allowing forced or non-consensual sexual activity to occur more easily.

- ❖ Date rape drugs include, but are not limited to, Rohypnol, GHB, GBL, Ecstasy, Soma, Ketamine, and Bath Salts
- ❖ Can be odorless, colorless, tasteless
- ❖ Fast acting and fast leaving, making it difficult to detect drugs were used
- ❖ Causes memory impairment
- ❖ Causes dizziness, confusion, or unconsciousness
- ❖ If you or someone else was given a date rape drug, call 911 immediately.

Safety Tips

- ❖ Know it is **never** your fault if someone is pressuring you.
- ❖ Always trust your gut feeling.
- ❖ Only do what feels right to you and what makes you feel comfortable.
- ❖ Create a *code word* with friends and family that means you need help. This way you can communicate your concern and get help without alerting the person who is pressuring you.
- ❖ You can always lie to make an excuse for an exit if you are concerned about angering or upsetting someone.
- ❖ Always know what your escape strategy would be if you need to leave a situation safely.
- ❖ **Don't** drink anything from a punch bowl, or something with an unexpected color, appearance, smell, or taste (i.e. salty).
- ❖ **Don't** leave drinks unattended or share/exchange drinks.
- ❖ **Don't** accept drinks without seeing their origin.
- ❖ **Do** take action if something feels wrong, especially when drinking alcohol, and if your feelings differ from the effects of alcohol. Talk/call a friend, a bartender, or call the police.

Remember:
You are not alone.
You are a *survivor*.

