

Resources

The Victim Center

(Advocacy & Counseling)
819 N. Boonville
Springfield, MO 65802

24-Hour Crisis Response Line:
417-864-SAFE (7233)

Office: 417-863-7273 Toll Free: 1-800-743-5265

Greene County Family Justice Center

(Advocacy)
greencountyfamilyjusticecenter.org
1010 N. Boonville,
Springfield, MO 65802
Judicial Courts Facility, 2nd Floor
417-799-1500
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Harmony House

(Advocacy & Shelter)
3404 E. Ridgeview Springfield, MO 65804
24-Hour Hotline (Local): 417-864-7233
Toll Free 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-831-6863

Legal Services of Southern Missouri

(Advocacy)
809 North Campbell
Springfield, MO 65802
417-881-1397 or Toll Free 1-800-444-4863

Division of Family Services

(Advocacy)
149 Park Central Square
Springfield, MO 65806
24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE(4673)

*Detectives can also assist in
connecting you with
victim resources.*



SpringfieldPOLICE

Scan to find more information about
SPD investigative processes and
community resources.



More information at
springfieldmo.gov/SPD

a guide to the ... **Sexual Assault Investigative Process**

Springfield Police Department

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield MO, 65802

417-864-1810

7 a.m. – 11 p.m.

7 days a week, excluding holidays

Case # _____

Officer _____

*Includes information about your
options and available resources.*



Springfield POLICE

What's next?

Our priority at the Springfield Police Department is to make sure victims of sexual assault are safe and have their health concerns addressed. Upon contacting SPD, an officer will offer to call a victim advocate to assist you through this difficult situation.

Any and all information you can provide is important to a sexual assault investigation.

You have options:

If you choose to file a police report, you can:

1. Request no investigation at that time.

- The investigation can be reopened at a later time.

2. Go forward with investigation.

- You can choose to delay or stop the investigation at any time
- Some investigations involving domestic violence or child abuse require law enforcement to investigate per Missouri Revised Statutes.

After a police report is filed ...

Your case will be assigned to a police detective who will contact you and conduct an investigation. Following an investigation:

- Evidence will be presented to the Greene County Prosecutor's Office. They will then decide if charges will be filed.

OR

- The case will be suspended until further evidence or information is discovered.

Detectives will remain in contact with you throughout the investigation, but if you have questions, you can reach the Criminal Investigations Division at 417-864-1755.

Sexual Assault Kits

- Sexual Assault Kits can **only** be collected at a hospital by a highly-trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.
- **All sexual assault kits will be submitted** to the Missouri Highway Patrol Crime Lab for testing, per Missouri Revised Statutes 650.600.
- **Your sexual assault kit will not be destroyed.**
- The analysis of the sexual assault kit will be used as evidence in the investigation and could also be used to link suspect(s) to other sexual assaults.

If you have a sexual assault kit collected, you can ...

1. **File a police report at a hospital or police station** – A police officer will take your statement and collect evidence, including the sexual assault kit. A detective will be assigned to your case and an investigation will begin.
2. **Make an anonymous report** – Contact a hospital (Cox or Mercy) and they will collect the sexual assault kit. The kit will then be turned over to SPD. SPD will submit the kit to the lab for testing and no investigation will be conducted unless you choose to do so. At that point, the process will no longer be anonymous.
3. **Do not report** – You can choose to have a kit collected and have it kept in storage by the hospital. The police will not be notified, and the kit will not be tested. You can change your mind and file a police report at any time. The hospital will then contact SPD, and an officer will collect your kit and submit it to the crime lab for testing.

A sexual assault kit is not required to move forward with an investigation.

The collection of a sexual assault kit does not mean you have to move forward with an investigation.

