

## if you have been the victim of a crime

- Get to a safe place then call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.
  - **DO NOT** shower, bathe, or change your clothing.
  - **DO NOT** eat, drink, smoke, brush teeth, or use the bathroom if possible.
  - **DO NOT** clean your home or the area where the assault occurred.
  - **DO NOT** avoid seeking medical care because of cost. All patients are seen regardless of their ability to pay.
  - **DO** call a friend or family member or one of the crisis lines below. (These lines are staffed 24 hours a day and can assist you with appropriate emergency and crisis information.)
- IMH Crisis Line** ..... (307) 742-0285  
**RAINN** ..... 1 (800) 656-4673  
Text **'GO'** to ..... 741741
- **DO** bring a change of clothing with you to the emergency room.
  - Even if days have passed since your assault, it is still important to have a thorough medical examination and receive treatment.

Treatment at Ivinson Memorial Hospital shall be provided based on the hospital's ability and capacity to care for the patient's health care needs. In compliance with all federal, state and local laws, there shall be no discrimination in services based on the patient's age, sex, race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability. Medical treatment will be made without regard to the patient's ability to pay for service.

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# forensic nursing

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WE WORK TO  
**PRESERVE DIGNITY,**  
ENSURE VICTIMS ARE  
NOT RE-TRAUMATIZED,  
AND **EMPOWER**  
**SURVIVORS** BY  
ALLOWING THEM TO  
MAKE DECISIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE  
PROCESS

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## what is sexual assault?

### DEFINITION

“Sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient.”

– U.S. Dept. of Justice

### THIS INCLUDES

- Forced sexual intercourse (of any kind)
- Inappropriate touching/fondling
- Child molestation
- Incest
- Rape/attempted rape

### STATISTICS

“Sexual violence in the U.S.—One in six women and one in 33 men will be the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.”

“In eight out of 10 cases of rape, the victim knew the person who sexually assaulted them.”

“Child sexual abuse—One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old.”

“Campus sexual assault—One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college.”

“Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to police.”

### SOURCES

- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network

Sexual assault is **never** the victim’s fault—no matter how it happens.

## our mission



To serve victims of crime by providing immediate, compassionate, culturally sensitive, and comprehensive medical/forensic evaluation and treatment within the parameters established by the Wyoming State Board of Nursing, the International Association of Forensic Nurses, and Ivinson Memorial Hospital.

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## what does SANE stand for?

### DEFINITION

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse who has specialized education and clinical preparation in the medical and forensic care of victims of crime.

### ‘SANES’ ARE TRAINED TO

- Identify physical trauma, document injuries, collect evidence and maintain chain of custody.
- Provide immediate crisis intervention and emotional support.
- Collaborate with community agencies in response to crime.
- Provide testimony in a court of law.

### OTHER SERVICES

SANES also provide forensic evaluation, treatment and evidence collection related to:

- Intimate Partner Violence
  - Domestic/Dating Violence
  - Stalking
  - Elder Abuse/Neglect
  - Child Abuse/Neglect
  - Children who witness violent crimes
- DUI/Reckless Driving and Hit & Run crashes involving injury
- Kidnapping
- Gang Violence/Acts of Terrorism
- Homicides
- Assaults

## what will happen at the hospital?

### OVERVIEW

Ivinson Memorial Hospital offers comprehensive care and treatment to victims of crime. This care is provided by a SANE.

- You will be treated with respect and will receive compassionate and sensitive care.
- You will be taken to a private room where you will have a thorough medical/forensic examination.
- The SANE will discuss the event and collect evidence.
- You will receive information about local resources and counseling to help you recover.
- You will have access to shower facilities, toiletries and a change of clothing.
- You will be provided with complete information concerning your care so that you will be able to make an informed decision about the care you want to receive.

If you are the victim of a crime, please get help. Not only will you help yourself heal, you could prevent it from happening to others.