

# **RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT **WITHIN** 72 HOURS**

Reports of sexual assault of persons under 16 must be reported to Police or Child Protection Services 1-888-597-4515

## **STEP 1: Ensure immediate safety of individual reporting**

If emergency medical assistance is required: **911** or  
Colchester East Hants Health Authority: 902-893-4321

## **STEP 2: Is the individual interested in seeking medical attention or forensic exam?**

If the assault has occurred within the last 72 hours, it is important to preserve physical evidence, treat any physical injuries and test for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) or pregnancy.

**YES**

\*\*\*Discourage them from showering, changing clothes, eating, or drinking prior to receiving medical attention to preserve forensic evidence.

## **STEP 3: Proceed to local emergency department:**

### **Colchester Regional Hospital**

600 Abenaki Rd, Truro NS  
(902) 893-4321

### **Colchester Sexual Assault Centre\***

(902) 897- 4366

\*When available, a support person may be sent to meet the individual at hospital.

Hours of operation are: Mon-Fri. 9:30AM-4:30PM

## **STEP 4: Is the individual interested in making a police report?**

\*If they do not wish to report the incident you may advise them to document the incident in as much detail as they can remember for their own record.

**YES**

**NO or UNSURE**  
Refer to resources

**ALREADY HAS**  
Refer to resources

## **STEP 5: Contact Police & Refer to Resources**

Emergency Services  
911

Millbrook RCMP  
902-893-6819

Truro Police Service  
902-895-5351

Indian Brook RCMP  
902-758-3388

Bible Hill RCMP  
902-893-6820

Enfield RCMP  
902-883-7077

**NO or UNSURE**

## **STEP 3: Refer the individual to the following community resources:**

### **Colchester Sexual Assault Centre**

902-897-4366 Hours: Mon-Fri. 9:30am – 4:30pm  
[www.colchestersac.ca](http://www.colchestersac.ca) for information, support and additional resources.

### **Mental Health Crisis Services**

902- 896-2606  
1-800 460-2110 ext. 42606

### **Walk-in Clinic-Fundy Trail Mall**

902-893-3635  
For STI's and Pregnancy Testing  
Mon- Fri- 6:00pm-10:00pm  
Sat. & Sun-12:00pm-5:00pm

**Dial 811** for non-emergency health information.

**Dial 211** to find community and social services.

## **RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT **UNDER** 16 YEARS OLD:**

- You are required by law to report sexual assault of anyone under 16 to Police or Child Protection Services: 1-888-597-4515
- As of March 1, 2017 sexual assault of someone between ages 16-18 by a parent or guardian must be reported to Police or Child Protection Services: 1-888-597-4515
- Referrals can be sent to IWK Child Protection team  
Phone: (902) 470-8222
- IWK Child Sexual Abuse Guide Reference  
<http://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/mental-health/parents/sexual-abuse-0>