

Appendix 4

GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH THE RAPE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF STUDENTS AND STAFF OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

1. In the case of serious physical injuries, the person should get to a hospital or medical facility as soon as possible.
2. The person is requested not to bath, shower or wash or to put on clean clothes. (It is also important to keep any clothing/objects that could possibly serve as evidence.)

Students: Phone the 24-hour crisis service to request that the counsellor on duty help with reporting the incident and provide further support.

CRISIS SERVICE (only registered students)

The emergency number is: 082 557 0880 (all campuses)

1. **Staff:** Phone the nearest police station to report the rape.

STELLENBOSCH POLICE, Tel.no. 809 5000

A victim volunteer is on duty at this number on a 24-hour basis and has received training to assist you.

Individuals aged 18 years and older may choose whether or not to institute legal proceedings.

Rape Crisis can also be contacted directly at 083 484 9409

2. If a decision is taken to institute legal proceedings, a statement must be made at the police. The police will then take the person to the district surgeon or to the attending doctor for a medical examination.
3. If it is decided not to institute legal proceedings, any medical service may be consulted to provide a service at medical aid rates.
4. It is important that the investigation is carried out as soon as possible, since certain treatments are no longer effective after 72 hours. Treatment against HIV is optimal if it is given as soon as possible after the incident. Treatment should include emergency contraception, preventative antiretroviral medication and antibiotics.
5. The aim of the statement and the medical examination is to collect evidence for the court should the offender be arrested.
6. It is important that the person receives further medical assistance after the rape (including further testing for HIV after 42 days and possible follow-up treatment).

Follow-up HIV tests can be done free of charge at Campus Health Services (Tel.no. 808 3496).

7. Furthermore it is important for the person to receive psychological counselling. The following organisations can be contacted for help and further support.

OIHC: Tel.no. 808 3136

Registered students: CSCD: Tel.no. 808 4994 or Crisis Service: Tel.no. 082 557 0880

Staff: Maureen Kennedy (Human Resources Wellness Programme): Tel.no. 808 4824

Rape Crisis: Tel.no. 083 484 9409

Life Line: Tel.no. 0800 05 55 55 / 021 461 1111