

Sexual violence

Sexual assaults also occur in a (former) partnership and the family. Sexual violence is a form of domestic violence. It can be reported to the police. Even if a victim does not want to report it to the police, it is important to get a medical examination as soon as possible after the assault.

Medical assistance

The Women's Clinic or the Emergency Centre at Basel University Hospital treat victims confidentially.

- The doctor does not tell anyone.
- Any violence is documented. The evidence is kept for 1 year.
- The documents can be given to the police later. It is important evidence.
- The doctor can network with victim support services (Opferhilfe).

Between the violence and the investigation

- Victims should not shower or wash – not even their hands.
- If possible, victims should not go to the toilet.
- Victims should bring their clothes for examination (not washed).

Legal and psychological advice

Victim Support (Opferhilfe) can provide psychological support. They know the answers to a lot of questions.

Report to the police

The police have experience with reports of sexual violence. Interviews are conducted by a person of the same sex. The complaint can be filed at the police station. A trusted person or a specialist from a victim support agency (Opferhilfe) can come with. Outside office hours, the police can be reached by calling 117 or 112. The Social Service (Sozialdienst) of the Cantonal Police is specialised in domestic and sexual violence.

- Social Service of the Cantonal Police: 061 267 70 38 (during office hours)



**Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets,
brochures)**

www.hallo-baselstadt.ch/en/domestic-violence/sexual-violence