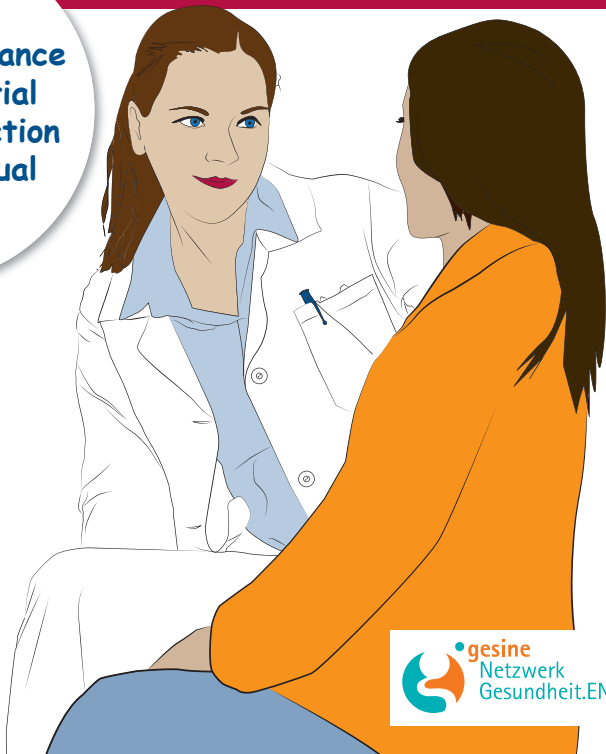


Sexual assault. What next?

**Immediate
medical assistance
and confidential
evidence collection
following sexual
assault**



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**Are you a victim of
sexual assault?
Your priority now
should be your health
and your continued
well-being.**

**This booklet informs women about what they can do
if they are the victim of sexual assault or rape.
It encourages women to seek medical assistance and
not to deal with their experiences alone.
The Frauenberatung.EN (women's advice centre)
is there to help.**

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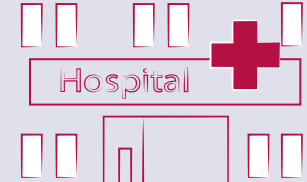


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I said NO.

Sexual assault is a crime.
Even if you don't want to report
the offender.
Confidential evidence collection
ensures that no evidence is lost.

Press charges?



What should
I do?

Shouldn't he be
punished? Or is it my
fault?

I can't sleep and
am scared to
see him again.

I just want to forget
what happened - is that
possible?
But I never want to see him
again. Should I press charges
or not?

What happens
if I press
charges?

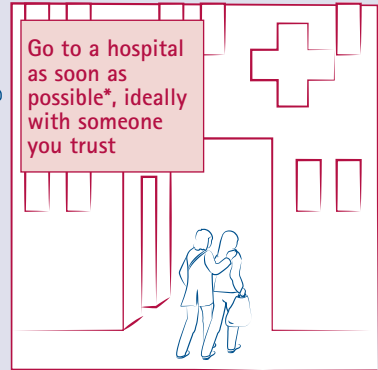
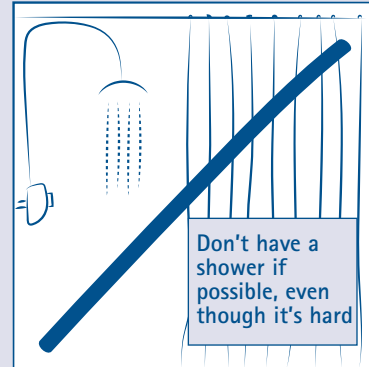
Pressing charges: "Yes"

I want to press charges.

Follow me, we can talk about everything in private.

If you wish to press charges immediately, go straight to your local police station. They will file your report and accompany you to a nearby hospital to collect evidence.

Pressing charges: "Not right now"



Go to a hospital

- Medical assistance in the hospital is important, even if you don't have any visible external injuries.



- You can also choose to leave the evidence confidentially without making an official report.



We can also check to see if you have been given a sexually transmitted infection.

Confidential evidence collection



You will need your health insurance card for the examination. Asylum seekers should bring relevant documents.



Doctors in the hospital are sworn to patient confidentiality and do not disclose any information to third parties without your consent – not even the police.



Doctors ensure you receive medical care.



They collect and document evidence (blood, semen, hairs).



The examination report remains in the hospital.

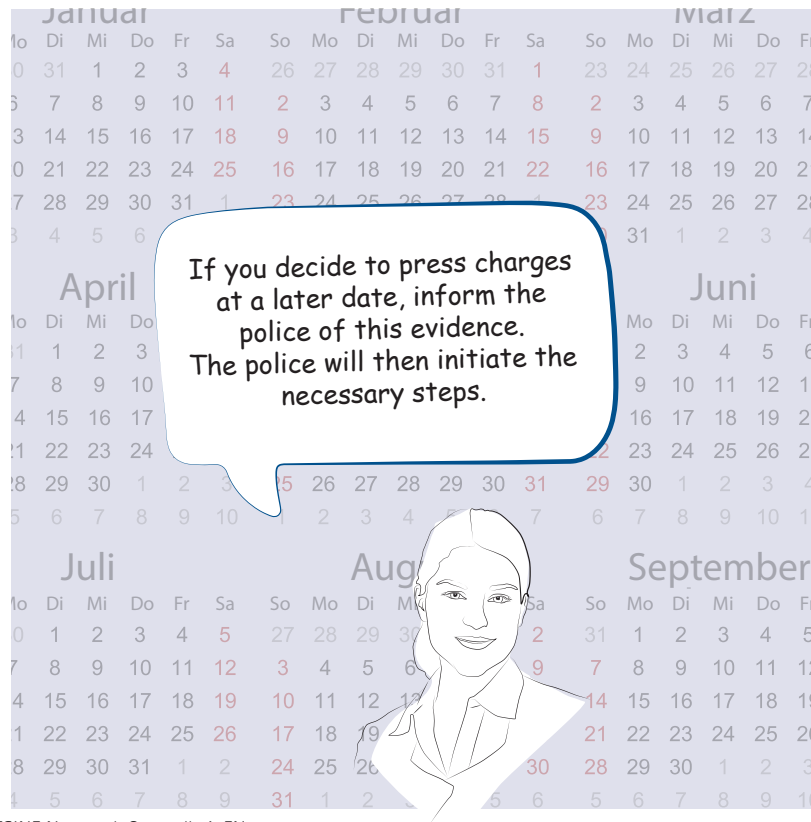
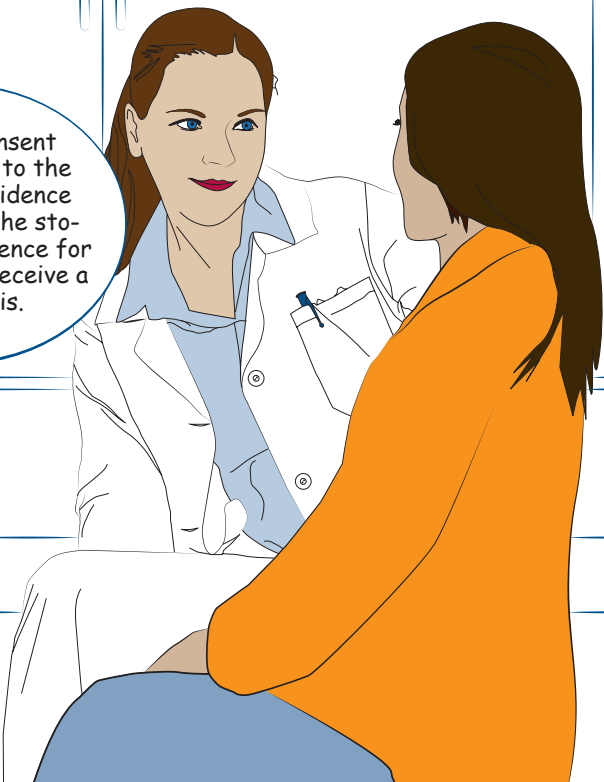


The evidence collected is stored at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Essen.



If you still do not wish to press charges, the evidence will be destroyed after ten years.

You sign a consent form agreeing to the confidential evidence collection and the storage of the evidence for ten years. You receive a copy of this.



In the advice centre

You don't have to deal with your emotional pain, fear, anger and uncertainty on your own. Professional help is available to help you overcome what has happened.

You're in the right place!
We will help you -
confidentially and at
no cost.



Telephone numbers

Immediate medical assistance and confidential evidence collection following sexual assault offered in the Ennepe-Ruhr district:

in Schwelm: HELIOS Klinikum • Dr.-Moeller-Str. 15 •

Phone: +49 (0)2336 48-6500 Doctor on call

in Witten: Marienhospital • Marienplatz 2 • P.: +49 (0)2302 173-0

in Herdecke: Gemeinschaftskrankenhaus (Community Hospital) •

Gerhard-Kienle-Weg 4 • Phone: +49 (0)2330 62-0

Psychosocial support in the Ennepe-Ruhr district:

Frauenberatung EN women's advice centre:

in Schwelm: Markgrafenstr. 6 • Phone: +49 (0)2336 475 90 91

in Witten: Augustastr. 47 • Phone: +49 (0)2302 525 96

in Hattingen: Talstr. 8 (Bürgerzentrum Holschentor) •

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I'm so happy
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