

## REMEMBER

- YOU ARE THE OWNER OF YOUR OWN BODY! YOU DECIDE!
- Don't be shy! Contact us! We can help you!
- Men can also be victims of sexual violence!
- Focus on preserving evidence that will help bring the perpetrator to justice!

**TIME IS THE MAIN  
ENEMY OF BIOLOGICAL  
EVIDENCE**

## STATISTICS OF THE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE REGARDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- Most sexual violence victims are aged between 11 to 16 years old.
- In 81% of sexual violence cases, the perpetrators are known to the victim.
- Only in 28% of sexual violence cases biological evidence could be collected.
- Around 90% of sexual violence victims are females.

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INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE

**SPEAK UP  
ON TIME**

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
IS A CRIME**



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## POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

- Do not talk to unknown persons.
- Do not take lifts from unknown persons.
- Do not consume alcohol or narcotic substances when going out or when hanging out with friends.
- Avoid unlit streets at night.
- Be careful when using social media:
  - Do not accept friend requests from people you do not know;
  - Do not post full picture of yourself;
  - Do not accept assistance from people you do not know.

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE

is a **criminal offence** that can occur everywhere around us and anyone can fall a victim to such an act.

The key element differentiating a sexual act from sexual violence is – **CONSENT**.

There are plenty of myths related to this criminal offence, but the truth is that one's clothing, the place, the age, or the victim's relation to the perpetrator, have nothing to do with such an act. The main cause of sexual violence and of other forms of gender-based violence is **abuse of strength** (physical or psychological) **by the perpetrator**.

The victim's path to justice is sometimes long and has many obstacles. We aim to help clear at least one of these obstacles through this leaflet.

## IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE, PRESERVE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE BY:

- NOT CLEANING UP!
- NOT TAKING A SHOWER!
- NOT BRUSHING YOUR TEETH!
- NOT CHANGING YOUR CLOTHES!
- AVOIDING EATING OR DRINKING!

REPORT THE CASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION OR CALL 192

## WHAT IS BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE?

Body fluids (saliva, blood, sperm, hair, epithelial cells) that the perpetrator or the victim leave on each other, or in the crime scene, are known as **biological evidence**.

**BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE IS A KEY SCIENTIFIC ELEMENT**, which proves the involvement of the perpetrator in the crime.



**IF YOU NEED HELP,  
CALL 192**