

SAFESHELBY SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

Sexual assault is a crime that occurs when an assailant forces sexual contact upon a person without their consent or on a person who is incapable of providing consent, either due to their age or physical or mental incapacity.

Sexual assault includes crimes such as:

- Rape
- Incest
- Child molestation
- Marital rape

1 IN 5 WOMEN

will experience sexual assault in their lifetime

1 IN 71 MEN

will experience sexual assault in their lifetime

According to the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey

The SafeShelby program provides 24/7 services for survivors of sexual assault, including forensic exams, counseling, and legal advocacy. All SafeShelby sexual assault services are free and confidential.



A PROGRAM OF SAFEHOUSE OF SHELBY COUNTY
24-Hour Crisis Line: (205) 669-7233 (SAFE)
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FORENSIC EXAMS SafeShelby offers forensic exams performed by specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) in a confidential and secure facility. Advocates provide survivors with emotional support throughout the forensic exam process and can answer questions and assist with any basic needs. Forensic exams are available to all sexual assault survivors age 14+ and residing in Shelby, Clay, Coosa, and Chilton Counties. In order to receive a SANE exam, the assault must have occurred within 72 hours or a special request must be received by law enforcement outside of that timeframe.

About the forensic exam process:

- Friends and/or family may accompany survivors and wait in the waiting room during the exam.
- Upon arrival survivors will meet a SafeShelby Advocate who will provide support and answer questions through the duration of the visit.
- A specially-trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner will conduct a brief interview about the assault. During a head-to-toe examination, and always with the survivor's permission, they will collect and package physical evidence as part of what's commonly called a "rape kit."
- A survivor's clothes and/or undergarments may need to be kept as evidence. If this is the case, clothing will be provided.
- A shower is available at the SafeShelby office for survivors who would like to use it.
- Follow-up will be provided after the exam to offer counseling and other wrap-around services.

Call 205-669-7233 if you are in need of a sexual assault forensic exam.

FOLLOW-UP SERVICES: Additional services for survivors of sexual assault include counseling, resource referrals, and safe shelter. These services are available to all survivors of sexual assault, regardless of whether or not a forensic exam has taken place at SafeShelby.

Call 205-419-0634 to schedule follow-up services.

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SAFEHOUSE OF SHELBY COUNTY SAFESHELBY SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

- Forensic exams
- Emergency shelter
- Individual & group counseling
- Resource referrals & case management
- Legal advocacy
- Community education

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