WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE IS RAPED?



1. Advice the victim to seek the help of a counselor or a therapist who is an expert in handling cases of sexual abuse.
2. Assist her in securing a safe and temporary shelter if she needs to move to another place for security reasons. She can be referred to a crisis center or any government agency that offers temporary shelter.
3. Make sure that the evidence is safe and intact. This would help should the victim decides to file a case.
4. Secure a Medico-legal certificate from a Medico-legal officer. Absence of bodily injuries does not mean that rape did not occur or that the case may not be pursued anymore.
5. Support the victim along the way when she decides to file a case.
6. Ensure that she is prepared in all aspects. Make her understand the overall picture of the case. Inform her that it is possible that doctors, police, lawyers and judges would not be sensitive to her situation and experience.
7. Help the victim choose the lawyer who understands her most.
8. Coordinate with people who can assist or support her all throughout.

WHERE TO GET HELP?

Philippine National Police (PNP)
Women and Children Protection Center (WCPC)
Camp Crame, Quezon City
Tel. No.: 410-3213 / 532-6690
Aleng Pulis Text Hotline: 0919-777-7377
Women and Children Protection Desk of nearest Police Precinct
Emergency Hotline : 911

National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)
Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Desk (VAWCD)
Taft Avenue, Manila
Tel. Nos.: 523-8231 to 38 / 525-6028

DOJ - Public Attorney's Office (DOJ-PAO)
Tel. Nos.: 929-9010 / 526-2747 / 929-9436 to 37 loc. 106 / 107

UP-PGH Women's Desk
Tel. Nos.: 524-2990 / 567-3394 loc. 3072

DOH Hospital's Women and Children Protection Unit
Tel. No. 651-7800 locs. 1726 to 1730

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
Community-Based Services Section (CBSS) Legarda, Manila
Tel. Nos.: 733-0014 to 18 local 116 / 488-2861

Women's Crisis Center (WCC)
Women and Children Crisis Care and Protection Unit
Vito Cruz, Manila
Contact Nos.: 0928-420-0859 / 0999-577-9631

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