



REPORTING A CRIMINAL OFFENCE:

...I'm not sure (yet)!?

One option that is available to you is the **confidential collection of forensic evidence**. This gives you time to make all further decisions when you feel able to.

(If you don't want any evidence collected, we recommend a medical examination by an appropriate doctor).

...Yes, I do want to report it.

Contact the specialist police department for sexual crimes (K32), the 24/7 crime unit (Kriminaldauerdienst) or the police directly. They will take all of the necessary steps, and you will be brought to the clinic for an examination and the collection of forensic/medical evidence.

! Please be aware of this: Sexual assault and rape are „official crimes“ – the police must investigate all cases that are reported to them. **Once made, a report of such an offence cannot be withdrawn.**

Confidential collection of forensic evidence following a sexual crime in Bremen

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**CONFIDENTIAL COLLECTION OF
FORENSIC EVIDENCE**

following sexual offences



Procedure:

1. Contact one of the respective clinics (for details, see reverse) and ask for a **confidential collection of forensic evidence**. The clinic staff will know what to do.
2. The collection of medical evidence is **confidential** and **free of charge**. The evidence is stored anonymously, together with the doctor's examination report, and allocated to a code.
3. With the aid of this code, the collected evidence can be definitively allocated to the case if the crime is reported later. Please inform the police of this.
4. Should you decide not to report the offence to the police, the evidence will be destroyed after ten years.



Learn more about the collection of confidential forensic evidence at notrufbremen.de

CONFIDENTIAL COLLECTION OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE

What is this?

The confidential collection of forensic evidence gives those affected the option of having medical evidence of a sexual offence preserved in a way that will stand up in court as evidence if they decide to report the crime later.

Medical evidence decays quickly – it should be collected **as soon as possible!**



HAVE THE EVIDENCE COLLECTED – GAIN SOME TIME

If you are affected by a sexual crime, you are in a difficult situation both physically and mentally. Due to the abuse you have experienced, you may not feel able to make a decision with regard to reporting the crime straight away. This is completely understandable – which is why there is the option of confidential forensic evidence.

Even though you may find this difficult – you should do the following, both for the collection of medical evidence for the police as well as the confidential collection of forensic evidence:

- If possible, please do not take a shower
- Bring other potential evidence with you (e.g. the clothes you were wearing, bedlinen etc.)
- It can be useful to write down what you remember



You are welcome to ask someone you trust to accompany you.