

What should a victim of rape do or not do?



- Immediately or at the earliest, report to your family or someone you confide in



- Lodge a FIR immediately and collect your copy of the FIR free of cost



- Ensure that the police officer records your complaint of rape in the manner narrated by you verbatim and do not sign any statement without reading or hearing it and also without being satisfied that it is as per your narration.

You can also give your complaint in writing and request for registering of FIR based on it



- Insist and go for a medical examination immediately



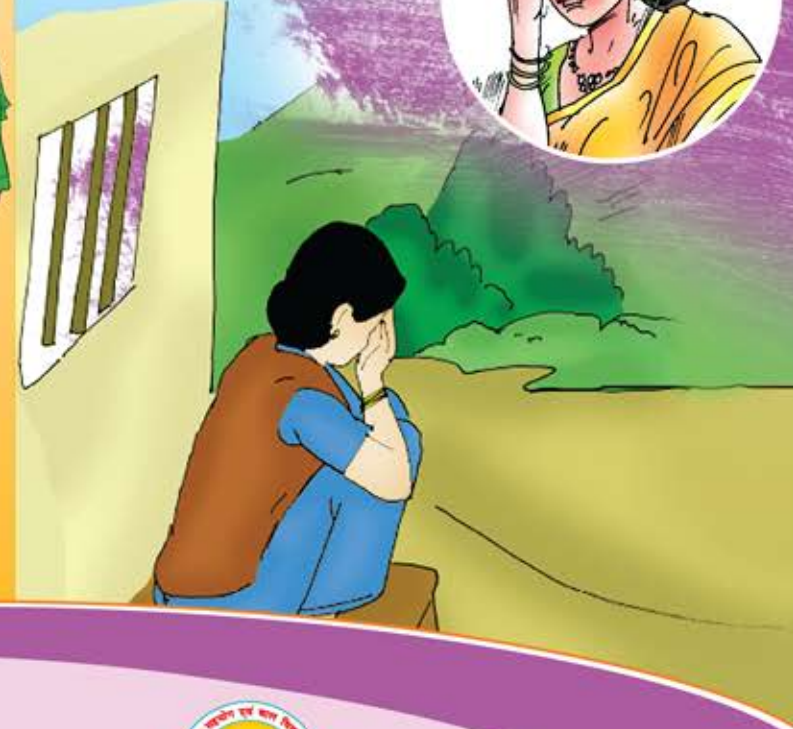
- Do not bathe before being medically examined

- Keep all the clothes you were wearing at the time of rape safely. They are important pieces of evidence about what happened to you



- Be strong and fight for your rights and do not accept being raped to be your fate
- Central Government and State Governments help the victims of rape and their families with compensation
- Social workers and counsellors can help the victims of rape

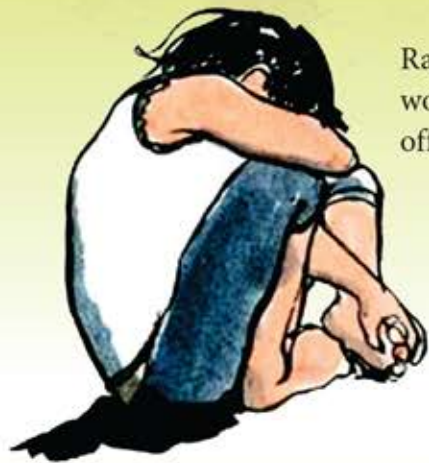
What to do in CASES OF RAPE?



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Rape of young girls and women is a punishable offence



Every police officer who is given information by the woman/girl or the escort or family member of the woman/girl who has been stated to have been raped, is duty-bound to record the First Information Report (FIR) of the offence of rape and take the victim of rape for a medical examination immediately and under any circumstance, within 24 hours



You may report to either senior police officers or the Judicial Magistrate if your FIR of rape is not registered

There is no fault on the part of the girl or the woman who is raped



Girls and women who are raped are hesitant to tell anyone about it and may not report to their families and the police for many days, out of shame/an adverse social response/fear

If a police officer or an employee of a police station/jail/hospital/Nari Niketan/women's shelter Home/ Child Care Institution/ rapes a woman or girl placed in any such institution or place, then such police officer or employee will be punished even more severely

No one, including the police, media, Government Officials or any other person can disclose the identity of the victim, or her family or any other such information which leads to identifying the rape victim. Doing so is a punishable offence



Any police officer who refuses to record a complaint/FIR of rape is liable for punishment

