

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE APPOINTMENT?

The integrity of the police investigation is imperative for the quality of the case. We ask that while you wait for your child's appointment please do the following:

- BELIEVE YOUR CHILD!
- Don't ask your child questions about what happened. We want his or her disclosure to the interviewer to be authentic. Please do not have further discussion about what happened with him or her.
- If your child initiates the conversation about what happened *please only listen*. Document what your child has told you and tell your child, "Thank you for sharing that with me."
- Do not confront the suspect in the case. In order to get the best results in the investigation we ask that you keep what your child disclosed confidential.
- When preparing for the interview, tell your child he or she is going to see a doctor to ensure his or body is ok. Encourage your child to be honest about what happened.
- Continue your child's usual routine.
- Adhere to the established safety plan set up by the patrol officer.

## RESOURCES

### SHELTER SERVICES:

Hope's Door.....	459-4779
Valley Women's Shelter.....	475-0725
WCA Crisis Center.....	343-7025
Salvation Army Booth	
Memorial Shelter.....	343-3571

### COUNSELING SERVICES:

Family Justice Center.....	475-5700
Montgomery Counseling.....	463-0212
Life Counseling.....	465-5433
Shannon Sorini.....	409-7286
Mana Wellness.....	585-3375
SANE Solutions.....	318-1279
Contact your Victim Witness Coordinator for more.	

### NUTRITION:

Health & Welfare (Food Stamps)	
Nampa.....	465-8444
Caldwell.....	455-7200
WIC Program	
Southwest District Health.....	442-2806

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Health and Welfare AFDC Program	
Nampa.....	465-8444
Caldwell.....	454-0421

### UTILITY ASSISTANCE:

WICAP.....	454-0675
Project Share (Salvation Army)	
Nampa.....	467-6586

### NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency.....	465-2257
	<a href="http://www.nampapolice.org">www.nampapolice.org</a>



## NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT

### OUR MISSION

Through integrity, teamwork and excellence it is our mission to respectfully protect and serve our community.



WHAT HAPPENS  
NOW THAT  
YOU HAVE  
REPORTED  
YOUR CHILD'S  
SEX OFFENSE?

# Now That You've Reported to Police:

## What's Next:

Your report will be sent over to the Nampa Police Person's Crimes Division where it will be assigned to a detective and victim witness coordinator. Within the next few days your victim witness coordinator will contact you to set up an appointment for a forensic interview with your child.

The investigation starts with a good quality interview with your child. It is not best practice to have a police officer conduct the interview with him or her. The Nampa Police Department works closely with CARES; a team of well trained medical professionals from St. Luke's Hospital. The CARES team consists of social workers, forensic nurses and doctors who are specifically trained to interview and examine children who have experienced abuse.



## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT WHILE AT THE CARES APPOINTMENT?

CARES will take a few minutes to discuss what you know about the abuse. The social worker will then take your child to be interviewed. Parents are not allowed to escort their child to the interview. We find that children will be more forthcoming with information due to a variety of reasons. Rest assured they are very good at what they do and will help your child feel safe while talking.

A second social worker will meet with you during this time to discuss family history and begin to go over available resources for your family.

When the interview is complete the forensic nurse will do a well child check-up. A physical exam *may* occur to assess your child's physical health by checking and documenting any injuries. If your child would like, you may be present for the exam.

Finally, the team will meet with you to go over what was discovered; they will also discuss the remainder of the investigation process.

## WHERE WILL WE GO FOR THE FORENSIC INTERVIEW?

The investigation will take place in one of two locations:

Nampa Family Justice Center 1305 3rd St. S. Nampa, ID 83651 (208)475-5700	FACES Family Justice Center 417 S. 6th St. Boise, ID 83702 (208)577-4460
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Appointment times depend on availability; but are conducted at 8:00, 10:00 and 12:30 in both locations. Other times are available but are arranged at CARES' discretion. Your victim witness coordinator will inform you of time and location.

## IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD CONSIDER?

- Bring your child's Medicaid or insurance information with you. Since CARES is based out of St. Luke's they will bill insurance or Medicaid for your visit.
- Please be sure your child is not hungry or tired prior to the appointment.
- Try not to display any emotion about what happened in front of your child.