

CONFIDENTIAL SECURING OF EVIDENCE:

If you are not yet certain whether you want to file a criminal complaint:

Quick examination and (photographic) documentation of injury that will hold up in court, as well as securing of evidence are important for potential court proceedings at a later time. The Mühlenkreiskliniken offer confidential securing of evidence free of charge. The material acquired will be archived for up to ten years. You, as the person affected, are the only one who can release the evidence during this period.

The collected evidence will be confidentially stored in the forensic medicine department in Düsseldorf under a number code. This number code will be provided to you. **Please keep it carefully.** It is the only way to assign the evidence if you file a criminal complaint at a later time.

Once evidence has been secured, the decision on whether or not to file a criminal complaint with the police remains yours. If you do file a complaint, you should inform the police that evidence has been secured. The examination material and documentation sheet can then be requested with your key code. This releases the secured evidence to the police. It can then be used as evidence in court proceedings.

If you do not file a criminal complaint, the evidence will be destroyed after ten years.

IF YOU WANT TO FILE A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT:

Please contact the police directly. They will initiate all required steps. The police may accompany you to the hospital for securing of evidence. You can call the criminal police Minden under +49 5 71 / 8 86 60 (switchboard). If you need medical help, please contact the closest emergency room. They will inform the police if you wish.

INFORMATION ON SECURING OF EVIDENCE:

- Evidence of date rape drugs and other narcotics can be found for up to twelve hours. **Speed is of the essence.** Securing evidence within 24 hours is best!
- Please do not shower!
- Do not wash the clothes you were wearing or change!
- Please keep the clothes you were wearing when the crime was committed in a dry paper bag, unwashed, and bring them to the examination!
- The examination is confidential and free of charge.
- You may be accompanied by a person you trust.

You should repeat the hepatitis and HIV test three months after experiencing sexual violence.

Register for securing of evidence in the **hospital's emergency room**, where the examination will take place as well.

YOU CAN CONTACT US AT:

Johannes Wesling Klinikum Minden

Adults +49 5 71 / 790 - 14 00

Children +49 5 71 / 790 - 10 80

Hans-Nolte-Straße 1 | 32429 Minden

Bad Oeynhausen Hospital

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Sexual violence?

HAVE THE EVIDENCE SECURED.

**DO IT RIGHT AWAY.
DO IT FOR YOURSELF.**

You can still decide about whether you want to file a criminal complaint later.

THIS FLYER IS TARGETED AT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED DOMESTIC AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

More and more people are affected by violence.

It may be targeted at children, teens, adults, life partners, elderly, and people with disabilities. It occurs in all areas of society.

Violence can have far reaching negative consequences for the physical and mental health of those affected.

Domestic violence comprises all forms of abuse. There can be psychological, physical, and sexual violence. It may happen within existing or former relationships.

Sexualised violence means coercion, rape, abuse, pornographic actions, and everyday sexual harassment. These are attacks on the physical and mental stability of the victims.

The victims of sexual crimes or domestic violence are in an extreme situation. Many find it hard to make a decision.

For potential court proceedings, even at a later time, you need documentation that will hold up in court. Therefore, all evidence, such as clothes worn, bruises, skin injuries, etc. should be secured as quickly as possible. This is particularly important after sexual crimes and will permit prosecution even at a later time.

Hospitals are an initial and important point of contact for victims. Therefore, the paediatric hospital, women's hospital, and the emergency room of the Johannes Wesling Klinikum Minden, along with the women's hospital in the Bad Oeynhausen hospital have developed a consistent procedure to support victims of violence in the Mühlenkreisklinik hospitals.

Victims of violence need sensitive and professional care. This clearly reduces the risk of psychological, physical, and social (late) consequences.

Specialised counselling offices are available for your psychological support and to determine whether you want to file a criminal complaint with the police. They include:

Wildwasser e.V.

Specialised counselling office against sexualised violence against girls and women

Phone +49 5 71 / 8 76 - 77

www.wildwasser-minden.de

mannigfaltig Minden-Lübbecke e.V.

Counselling office against sexual violence against and by boys and men

Phone +49 5 71 / 8 89 - 26 84

www.mannigfaltig-minden-luebbecke.de

www.hilfeportal-missbrauch.de

Counselling is free of charge and confidential.