

What can I do?

If you have been the victim of an act of violence, you are in exceptional circumstances, both physically and emotionally.

You can take the time you need to decide whether or not to report the offence to the police. What is important is that possible traces of the crime (e.g. semen, injuries) are preserved immediately so that they can possibly serve as evidence later in court.

You should in any case undergo a medical examination, even if you don't notice any visible injuries!

ASS – what is that?

Through the **anonymous securing of evidence (Anonyme Spurensicherung; ASS)**, you can preserve traces of the crime as evidence for a later court case, without immediately having to file charges. The traces are stored anonymously for five years.

Cooperating clinics

Don't hesitate to make use of the anonymous securing of evidence. Scan the QR code to receive a list of cooperating clinics in the surrounding area. In addition, the website **gobsis.de** provides information on further participating clinics and doctors.



Counselling and support

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Anonymous securing of evidence (ASS) following an act of violence



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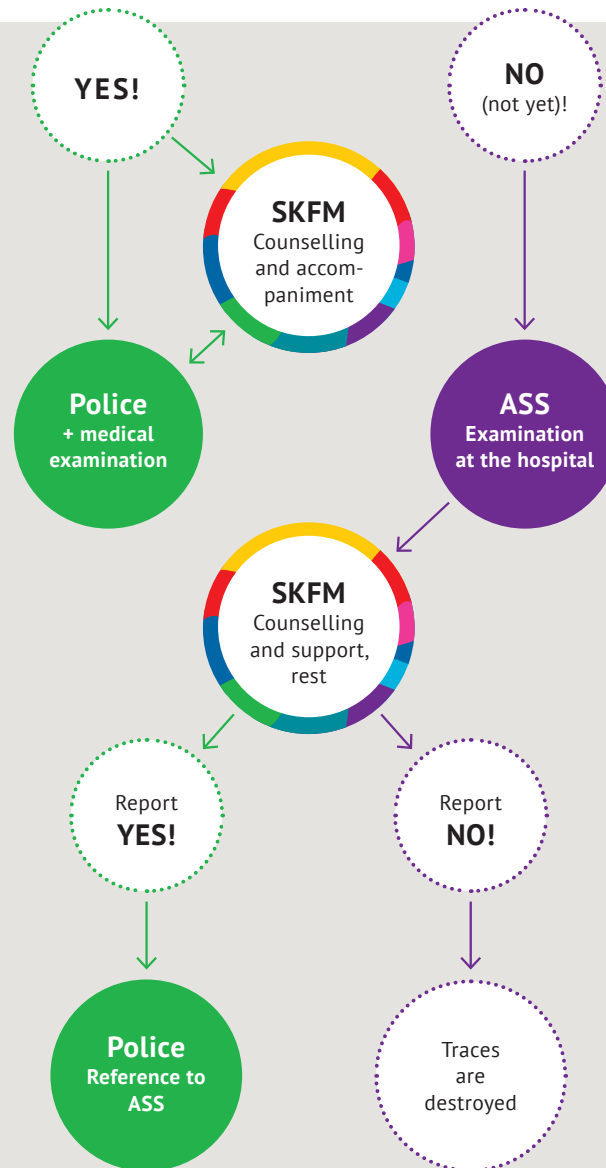
Preserving evidence

Police report?

Breaking the silence

Steps in anonymous securing of evidence (ASS):

- If at all possible, don't shower or wash!
- If you suspect you were drugged, collect a sample of your urine in a clean container.
- Don't forget to take a change of clothes – or take with you the clothes you were wearing at the time of the crime.
- Go to a suitable hospital.
- Ask someone to accompany you, for example an expert counsellor from SKFM Mettmann.
- If you don't (yet) want to report the offence to the police, request the anonymous securing of evidence (ASS) at the hospital.
- If needed, you will receive counselling and support from the SKFM counselling centre. If you decide to report the offence, the counsellors will accompany you to the police.
- If you don't want to file a report, the traces will be automatically destroyed after five years.



Counselling and support

The counselling centre of SKFM Mettmann e.V. will advise you in anonymous securing of evidence. If you wish, the expert counsellors will accompany you to the important medical examinations and to the police. The specialist counsellors will also support you in processing your experiences and will put you in contact with other institutions.

The ASS network receives support from:

- Gender equality officer, district of Mettmann
- Domestic violence round table, district of Mettmann
- Victim protection programme of the police, district of Mettmann
- Institute of Forensic Medicine, Düsseldorf

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