

# PRESERVING EVIDENCE

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## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

- Documenting verbal remarks or communication
- Photograph physical evidence
- Physical evidence includes:
  - Weapon, broken household item, torn clothing and bedding
- Save physical evidence in paper bag and avoid disturbing scene of crime



## FORENSIC EVIDENCE

- Seek immediate medical attention
- Preserve DNA evidence:
  - Fingerprints, saliva, blood and semen
- Avoid drinking, eating, smoking, taking showers, combing your hair, brushing your teeth
- If drugged, ask clinic for urine sample

## ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

- Save text email, social media post, pictures, chat, videos etc
- You can recover deleted messages by contacting your provider
- Save names and location of who might see you before and after the assault

