

Services for Survivors

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

What is SART?

A Sexual Assault Response Team provides coordinated response to survivors of sexual assault. The SART is comprised of a:

- **Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate (CSVA)** provided by Safe+Sound Somerset,
- **Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)**, and
- **Law Enforcement.**

The survivor has the option to choose any, all, or none of these services.

Who is eligible for SART Services?

A survivor of sexual assault is eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Are 13 years of age and older,
- The assault occurred within the past five days, and
- The survivor consents to a SART activation.

If a survivor fits the above criteria, they may request response by a SART by:

- Presenting at the Emergency Room at RWJ University Hospital Somerset, 110 Rehill Ave, Somerville,
- Contacting law enforcement, or
- Contacting Safe+Sound Somerset's confidential 24-hour call or text helpline at **866-685-1122**.



What are the roles of SART members?

Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates (CSVAs) provide crisis intervention and compassionate support throughout the entire process. With the consent of the survivor, CSVAs may be present during forensic exams and law enforcement interviews. They are also able to assist with information and referrals for follow up services available through Safe+Sound Somerset.

Nurse: Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) are available at the hospital to provide a forensic exam, as well as to discuss the survivor's medical condition, treatment options, and a medical referral plan.

Law Enforcement is available to answer questions relating to the investigate and legal process. They are available if the survivor decides to report the sexual assault incident.

How can Safe+Sound Somerset help?

We provide support for survivors and families that have been impacted by sexual violence. We offer a broad range of compassionate, empowerment-based services to assist survivors on their path to regaining personal autonomy and finding safety, hope and healing.

Healing Starts Here!

For more information about our services and how we can help, call or text our 24-hour confidential helpline

866-685-1122