

# PROTECTING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE: ROLE OF THE POLICE

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**1** Record the assault in the occurrence book (OB)



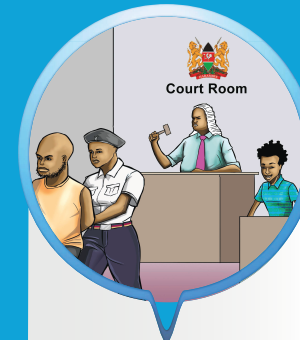
**2** Record statements from the victim and witnesses in privacy



**3** Allow the victim to contact immediate family members or primary care givers



**7** Direct the victim to available medical, legal and social support and care services



**8** Testify and provide evidence in court during prosecution of the suspect



**4** Preferably a female officer should accompany the victim to the nearest health facility



**5** A clinical officer should assist the victim in filling the P3 form as per MOH Directive No. MOH/DMS/HR/11(Dated 24th May 2018)



**6** Gather and preserve evidence where the crime took place to enable arrest and prosecution of the suspect

**Police should not:**

- Dismiss or blame the victim
- Physically examine the victim
- Expose the victim to any form of victimization
- Interfere with the evidence
- Seek favors from the victim

**Who to involve:**

- Close family or friends of the victim (if not the accused person)
- Parents or caregiver (for a minor)
- Medical practitioner
- Witnesses