

What's stopping you from signing up as a Volunteer Advocate?



I don't have the time to commit to being a Volunteer Advocate

Ideally, we would love to have every volunteer commit at least one week a month of the program. However, we understand this is not realistic for many of our volunteers. We will do our best to be flexible and work around your schedule if you are willing to commit whatever time you can.

I don't have any experience with this sort of thing

We offer excellent training and support. No volunteer is assigned to a case until they have finished all of their training and passed all of the necessary security clearances.

My other commitments won't allow me to be constantly going out in the middle of the night for emergencies

In reality, there are relatively few emergencies that our volunteers respond to. It's not unusual to go months without being involved in an emergency call out. Some people prefer to only handle emergencies. Others, such as those with a full-time job or a family, prefer only case work because their personal situation precludes them from responding during the night. We work with you to determine what works best for you and your schedule.

I have a full-time day job. I can't do court accompaniment

If you aren't available during the day, you could probably help with court preparation, while another volunteer would actually go to court with the client.

I am very nervous about the idea of an emergency call-out

Not all cases are emergencies and when there is a call-out, our volunteers are dispatched in pairs. Most of our time is spent on routine case work, such as assisting people in completing forms for submission to the court. It is often the case that our clients just need someone to talk to.

I don't have time to take on a lot of cases

The case load is dependent upon the number of cases and your availability.

This is a small town. What if I know the people? What if I am really uncomfortable with certain types of cases or situations?

Victim Services understands that these things are a possibility. You have the right to refuse any case.

I am worried about my safety

The police never call us into dangerous situations. You will be given personal safety training before you are assigned any cases.