

# **Stop the Cycle of Silence**

Enhancing transparency in sexual assault cases

### Linking victims with resources and support

The nation demands better handling of sexual assault cases, but it can be hard to know how to create change within your agency. As few as one in five victims report their sexual assault, and most do not contact health care providers or victim advocates. Without a report, law enforcement misses the chance to identify perpetrators in the community, repeat offenders go undetected, and more people are victimized. Without health care and supportive services, victims may not fully recover.

#### We can do better

By linking victims with responding professionals, we support their recovery, hold perpetrators accountable, and keep our communities safe. Together, we can help victims pursue justice and healing.

#### Victim Link: A safe way for victims to reach out for help

Victim Link is groundbreaking technology that revolutionizes sexual assault reporting and links victims with community resources. It works in partnership with the victim-focused portal, SeekThenSpeak.org. Together, they break down traditional barriers of shame and fear, so victims can gather information, explore options, and take action through gradual dialogue on a multilingual platform (web, phone, or mobile app).



#### Who we are

Victim Link was developed in collaboration between Ten8Tech, a trusted technology partner for law enforcement, and End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI), America's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving criminal justice responses to sexual assault. EVAWI also reaches out to friends and family members with the Start by Believing campaign, providing tools that help them respond supportively. The EVAWI and Ten8Tech partnership is yielding new breakthroughs in sexual assault response, which enhances victim well-being, offender accountability, and community safety.

### Reduces barriers by enabling a safe dialogue about recovery and reporting options





### Close the gap between victims and the help they need

Victims connect to Seek Then Speak via the phone, mobile app, or web at SeekThenSpeak.org. Then they engage with gradual and supportive dialogue prompts, choosing which information they receive and exploring their options. The information can take place in many languages, increasing access for victims.

If victims decide to request advocacy services or initiate the process of reporting to law enforcement, Seek Then Speak facilitates that connection through the agency portal, Victim Link. Victims are in the driver's seat. They decide which options to pursue and what information to share. They can even remain anonymous, if they wish.

When a victim chooses to seek assistance, Victim Link triggers a notification to alert law enforcement and/or victim advocacy via phone call, text message, or email.

### No-cost subscriptions for eligible agencies

With funding provided by the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice, a limited number of one-year subscriptions are available for eligible law enforcement agencies and victim advocacy organizations. To learn more, please visit VictimLink.com.

### Victim Link subscription features

- Reliability in public information
- Agency branding on public-facing elements and reports
- Multilingual voice reporting, web reporting, and mobile app
- Configurable real-time notifications of victim reports
- Dashboard to display all victim reports
- Secure access for agency staff
- Advanced encryption for all victim information
- Transparency for your agency's response

#### **How it works**



Victim connects with Seek Then Speak via web, phone, or mobile app

Self-guided dialogue about reporting, recovery, and resources





Option for direct contact with law enforcement and/or victim advocacy

Agency receives notification of victim's secure report





Agency staff review every secure report to take action

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#### **Additional benefits**

- National toll-free number
- Helpful tutorials
- iOS and Android mobile apps

## Create the power of change in your community: www.VictimLink.com

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