

# Is It Ethical?

## **Scenario 1**

Jo, a woman who is trying to leave her violent husband, asks Betty, the victim advocate at a local domestic violence shelter, to help her find a place to stay for a while. The shelter has filled to capacity the past 2 weeks. Betty's friend has a vacant garage apartment. After checking with her friend, Betty offers the apartment as a safe place for Jo and her two young children to stay until everything is settled.

## **Scenario 2**

Marsha, a victim advocate, is working with Jean, a stalking victim who wants to sue the employer of the man who stalked her. The stalker accessed Jean's financial records through the database at his place of employment. Marsha advises Jean, "getting involved in a stressful lawsuit isn't a good idea right now. You really need to focus on your recovery".

## **Scenario 3**

Kevin, a victim advocate, has been working with Heidi for a couple of months. She recently moved to a different town to get away from the man who sexually assaulted her and she has asked Kevin not to share her new address and phone number with anyone. One day she calls Kevin; she is distraught and reluctantly disclosed that she is thinking about suicide, but begs him not to tell anyone. He explains that he is obligated to report someone who is suicidal and will give her contact information to law enforcement.

## **Scenario 4**

Jeff works long hours at his job and was on watch for the SAPR program. He received a call for a new case and met with the victim, John. He discussed reporting options and John signed the 2910. Jeff got called back into work and didn't have a chance to meet with the SARC before going back to work. He left the 2910 with some notes from his meeting on his desk while he went to an all hands staff meeting.

## **Scenario 5**

Joanna has been a SAPR VA for a long time. She's often someone people within her command come to with questions regarding the program. Recently, a report of sexual assault was made to her command leadership and she was directed by her CO to meet with the victim. Joanna met with the victim and the CO called her to his office afterward. Joanna was pleased to hear her CO was so interested in supporting the victim and answered his questions regarding the victim's current needs.

