

Sexual Assault Kit Collection and Submission: Best Practice Recommendations

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Justice



Law Enforcement (LE)

Victim Chooses to Report to LE or
Mandatory Reporting Applies



Collect kit from hospital w/in **72 hours** of being
contacted by SANE



Send kit to Crime Lab w/in **14 days**



Kit returned to LE from Crime Lab
(post-testing or if not tested)



LE retains kit for:
50 years; Statute of limitations expires; or Offender
finishes serving sentence, whichever is longer

Victim Later Reports to LE



LE notifies Crime Lab that
victim has now reported
the sexual assault



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Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs)

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Victim Chooses to Report to
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Applies



Contact law enforcement
within **24 hours** to collect
kit



Law enforcement collects
kit within **72 hours** of being
contacted

Victim Chooses Not
to Report and
Mandatory Reporting Does
Not Apply



Send sexual assault kit to
Crime Lab within **72 hours**



Stored at Crime Lab for **10
years**