

# MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE



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### Why Test a SAK?

You and your case are important.

Identify Offenders.

Upload into CODIS or the  
Combined DNA Index System.

Connect to serial and violent offenders.

Best practice to avoid backlogged kits.

### Track Your Kit.

The system allows you to use your date of birth and unique kit ID number to track the status and location of your sexual assault evidence kit. To learn more, visit the DOJ SAKI website.

### How to Support Survivors?

Believe them.

Help them explore their options.

Listen to them.

Never blame them for being assaulted.

MY MONTANA SEXUAL ASSAULT  
FORENSIC EXAMINATION.

# MY MT SAFE.

To inform individuals about a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE), What a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner is, and What to Expect.

To learn more or to find an advocate in your area, please visit the DOJ SAKI website:

[https://dojmt.gov/enforcement/  
specialservices/saki/](https://dojmt.gov/enforcement/specialservices/saki/)

## WHAT IS A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE)?

The role of a SANE includes taking history from the victim for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment of health care concerns, conducting a complete physical assessment, performing a thorough genital exam, collecting, and documenting any forensic evidence, providing appropriate information and referrals, working with the victim advocate and other responders to assure coordinated services and provide courtroom testimony when needed.

### **SANE services can include:**

- Comprehensive physical examination
- Collection of evidence
- Forensic digital photography
- Injury documentation
- Preventative medications
- Testing and prophylactic treatment for STIs/HIV and pregnancy

## WHY RECEIVE A SAFE?

Ensure health, safety, and well-being.

Empowerment.

Patient-centered exam.

Collect evidence within 5 days.

Receive referrals to resources.



## WHAT TO CONSIDER:

### **Bringing Someone You Trust**

When deciding who to bring, ask that person whether they can honor your privacy or if there are limits to the confidentiality they can offer. Be aware some individuals such as a university member may have mandatory reporting requirements.

### **Avoid Showering or Washing**

For a SAFE, try not to shower, bathe, douche, wash your hands, brush your teeth, comb your hair, use a toilet, eat/drink, smoke, chew gum, or change your clothes. This may be difficult, but this may destroy evidence.

### **Bring a Change of Clothes**

In preparation for a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam, for your own comfort, bring an extra set of clean clothes. Any clothes from the incident may be collected as evidence.

National Sexual Assault Hotline  
24/7 Confidential Support:

Chat online at: [online.rainn.org](https://online.rainn.org)

Hotline: 1-800-656-4673