

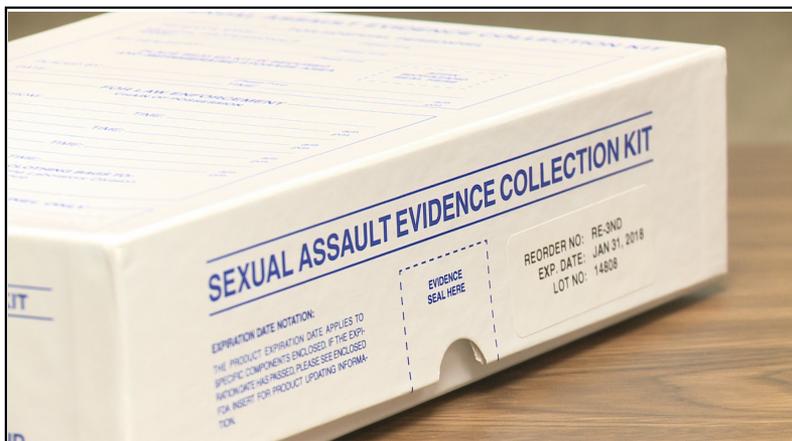


Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiative

A Guide for LEOs in North Carolina

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Options for Analysis

- Untested Sexual Assault Kits may be submitted for DNA analysis to the following:
 - North Carolina State Crime Lab (NCSCL)
 - FBI Laboratory (as part of an initiative funded by the National Institute of Justice)
 - a vendor laboratory (fees paid by the submitting agency)

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines or need assistance in evaluating the evidence in your case, please contact the Forensic Scientist Manager of Forensic Biology at 919-582-8860 or by email at SAK@ncdoj.gov.

Analysis Conducted by the NCSCL

- If you have untested Sexual Assault Kits (SAK) **that are at least one year old** (from the date of incident), please contact the NCSCL at SAK@ncdoj.gov for further information.
- The following requirements are for the *SAK Testing Initiative* only:
 - Requests for Laboratory Examination on older untested kits must be **approved prior to submission** to the laboratory.
 - Date of incident must be at least one year from time of submission.
 - Incident report must be enclosed for each kit submitted.
 - Limited to 10 kits per submission.
- Free of charge to law enforcement agencies in NC.
- Direct access to the CODIS database.

Analysis Conducted by a Vendor Laboratory

- Fees for analysis to be paid for by submitting agency.
- No direct access to CODIS.
- The NCSCL has MOAs with several vendor laboratories. Please contact the State CODIS Administrator for further information.

If you have any questions regarding CODIS eligibility of vendor generated data, please contact the State CODIS Administrator at 919-582-8860 or by email at CODIS@ncdoj.gov.

Analysis conducted by the FBI Laboratory

- If you have untested Sexual Assault kits, please contact NIJ via email at SAKpartnership@usdoj.gov for further information.
- NIJ will send a consent form and additional instructions. Once these forms are returned to NIJ and approved, they will instruct the agency to submit the kits to the FBI Laboratory.
- Free of charge to law enforcement agencies.
- Date of incident must be at least one year from time of submission.
- Limited to 30 kits per submission.
- Incident report must be enclosed for each kit submitted.
- Direct access to the CODIS database.
- More information may be found at:
<http://www.nij.gov/topics/law-enforcement/investigations/sexual-assault/Pages/welcome.aspx>

