

Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits

Across the nation, unsubmitted or untested sexual assault kits have caused concern and question for change. Unsubmitted or untested sexual assault kits have built up in communities because of a system wide breakdown. Since 2014, Utah has been proactively working to test all unsubmitted or untested sexual assault kits and has made significant efforts to prevent sexual assault kits from accumulating in the future.

Utah's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative is committed to improving the overall response to sexual assault in Utah. Further efforts are being made to establish victim-centered and trauma-informed best practices, increase multi-disciplinary collaboration, increase training opportunities for all professionals working with victims of sexual assault and increase transparency throughout the criminal justice system.

Resources:

Utah Sexual Assault Kit Information Line

801-893-1145

Utah Sexual Assault Crisis Line

1-888-421-1100

Rape Recovery Crisis Line

801-467-7273

Utah Suicide Crisis Line

801-587-3000

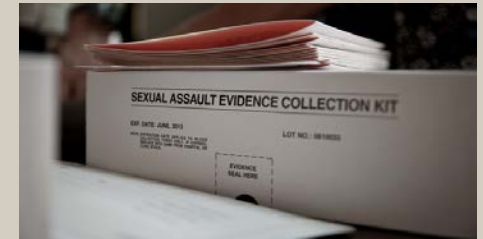
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SAKI Therapeutic Treatment Fund



*Are you a sexual
assault survivor
affected by a
previously
unsubmitted or
untested sexual
assault kit?*

Find out how to apply for
treatment funds.



What is the SAKI Therapeutic Treatment Fund?

Victims of sexual assault who consent to a medical forensic exam trust that their sexual assault kit will be sent in for testing of DNA evidence. Survivors, may be affected after learning their sexual assault kit was never tested or when notified of completed testing years later. Notification or a reminder of a past assault may cause re-traumatization, flashbacks or other symptoms that heighten PTSD or other mental health issues (NIJ, 2016).

Sometimes a reminder of a past assault can trigger strong emotions, such as fear, anger, or anxiety.

The Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) has devoted funding to assist survivors with therapeutic treatment needs as a result of their previously unsubmitted or untested sexual assault kit.

What is Considered an Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kit?

Any sexual assault kit received by law enforcement prior to 3/22/2015 that is connected to a reported sexual assault and was not submitted to the lab for testing.

Who Qualifies for SAKI Therapeutic Treatment Funds?

A victim who is notified by law enforcement that their sexual assault case may be re-activated as a result of testing an unsubmitted or untested sexual assault kit.

A victim of a cold case sexual assault who reengages law enforcement agencies, the victim information line, or other victim service agencies to inquire about the status of their unsubmitted or untested sexual assault kit.

Secondary victims who are traumatically affected by the rape or sexual assault or the victim notification are also eligible.

How can I learn More About My Sexual Assault Kit?

If you would like to learn more about the status of your sexual assault kit, please contact the Sexual Assault Kit Information Line at 801-893-1145 or email ldevries@utah.gov.



How Do I Apply?

An application must be submitted to the SAKI Victim Advocate who will coordinate and approve claims. Contact your local victim advocate or the SAKI Victim advocate through the victim information line to receive an application and assistance in submission.

What will SAKI Therapeutic Treatment Funds Cover?

The SAKI Therapeutic Treatment Fund will cover outpatient mental health treatment up to \$2,500. Inpatient treatment or prior mental health treatment cannot be covered under SAKI funds.

Reimbursement of prescription or over-the-counter medications used in conjunction with mental health treatment shall be considered only for the duration of an approved Treatment Plan and is considered part of the maximum treatment award.