# Jim Coley Rape Survivors Protection Act

- A victim of a sexually oriented crime is entitled to a forensic medical examination without charge.
- Within 24 hours of the forensic examination, the healthcare provider shall notify the applicable law enforcement agency.
- Within 7 days of being notified, the law enforcement agency shall pick up the sexual assault evidence collection kit (SAK).
- Within 10 days of receipt, the law enforcement agency must enter the SAK into the tracking system.
- Within 30 days of taking possession, the law enforcement agency shall submit the SAK to the state crime lab or another similarly qualified testing facility.
- The location and status of the SAK must be updated in the tracking system by law enforcement and the crime lab at each step of the process.
- Upon a victim's request and within a reasonable time, the law enforcement agency must notify the victim of whether a DNA sample was obtained from the analysis and whether the analysis resulted in a match to a DNA profile in state or federal databases unless disclosure of the information would impede or compromise the investigation.
- Hold kits are SAKS of adult victims that are being held by law enforcement agencies pending the decision of the victim to report the alleged offense to law enforcement. Law enforcement shall store the hold kits for a minimum of ten (10) years or until the victim makes a police report, whichever occurs first. No hold kits shall be submitted to the state crime lab or similarly qualified lab for testing until the victim has made a police report.



## Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Information

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has implemented TCA § 38-6-128 and TCA § 39-13-519, which created a statewide SAK tracking system.

The tracking system provides sexual assault survivors with the ability to anonymously track the location and status of their SAK from the point of collection through forensic analysis to final storage location and possible destruction.



That guilt shall not escape nor innocence suffer

### Using the SAK Tracking System

• Access the SAK Tracking System online at https://trackit.tbi.tn.gov/



- Enter your kit number, which was provided by the healthcare worker who collected your kit or law enforcement.
- A diagram will appear on the left of your screen indicating where your kit is currently located.



### **Important Information**

The number associated with your SAK will be provided to you by the medical professional who conducts your forensic examination or law enforcement. It is very important that you retain this information. Should it become lost, contact your investigators or your investigator's supervisor, who will have access to this information.

#### **West Tennessee**

• Women's Resource and Rape Assistance Program (WRAP)

Jackson, TN

Hotline: 1-800-273-8712

• Crime Victims Rape & Crisis Center

Memphis, TN

Hotline: 901-222-4350

• Family Safety Center

Memphis, TN

901-800-6064

#### Middle Tennessee

• Sexual Assault Center

Nashville, TN

Hotline: 1-866-811-7473

Crisis Line: 615-259-9055

• Matthew Walker Health Center, Inc.

Clarksville, TN 931-245-4368

• Women Are Safe

Centerville, TN

Hotline: 1-800-470-1117

Domestic Violence and Sexual

Assault Center

Murfreesboro, TN

Hotline: 615-896-7377

Crisis Line: 615-494-9262

## Support and Assistance

Tennessee Rape and Sexual Abuse Centers





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#### **East Tennessee**

 Partnership Rape Crisis Center Chattanooga, TN

Hotline: 1-423-755-2700

• The Hope Center, Inc.

Athens, TN

Hotline: 1-423-745-5289

• Genesis House, Inc.

Cookeville, TN

Hotline: 1-800-707-5197

• Rape Crisis Program

Cleveland, TN

Hotline: 1-423-476-3886

• Avalon Center

Crossville, TN

Hotline: 1-800-641-3434

• The Crisis Center - Partners for Stronger

Communities

Bristol, VA

Hotline: 1-866-953-0484

• Branch House

Blountville, TN

Hotline: 423-574-7233

• Sexual Assault Crisis Center of East

Tennessee

Knoxville, TN

Hotline: 1-865-522-7273

• Safe Haven Center

Knoxville, TN

Hotline: 1-865-558-9040



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