Delaware’s Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

What Happens Next

Understand your options

You have the right to a forensic medical exam, at no out-of-pocket cost to you. If you are over the age of 18, you are not required to report the crime to the police. You have the option to report to law enforcement and you can make that decision when you are ready.

The Hospital SANE programs will hold your Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) for 6 months and allow you time to decide. If you decide that you do not want to report your assault to the police, the hospital will automatically destroy your SAK after 6 months.

If you reported the crime to the police, call the law enforcement agency if you have questions about your case. The police will collect your SAK from the hospital. Make sure your contact information is up-to-date so the investigator can reach you.

Delaware’s police departments have Victims Services. If you are not sure what police department is working on your case, you can call 1-800-VICTIM-1.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE
There are trained rape crisis advocates that can provide information about your options and offer support if needed.

Services are confidential and available 24/7.

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Delaware Hospitals with SANE Programs

- Christiana Hospital: 302-733-4799
- Bayhealth Medical Center: 302-744-6308
- Beebe Medical Center: 302-645-3311
- Nanticoke Health Services: 302-629-6611 ext. 3910
- Nemours Al DuPont Hospital for Children: 302-651-6901

Delaware Department of Justice

- Attorney General's Office Victim/Witness Units: 1-800-870-1790
- New Castle County Office: 302-577-8500
- Kent County Office: 302-739-4211
- Sussex County Office: 302-856-5353
- Bi-Lingual- Spanish/English Toll-Free Assistance Line: 1-877-851-0482

Delaware Victim Center: 1-800-VICTIM-1

Police-Based Victims Services

- Delaware State Police 1-800-VICTIM-1
- Dover Police Department: 302-736-7134
- Georgetown Police Department: 302-856-6613
- New Castle County Police: 302-395-8000
- Newark Police Department: 302-366-7100 ext. 3137
- Wilmington Police Department: 302-576-3622
- All other police departments: Delaware Victim Center: 1-800-VICTIM-1

Rape Crisis Hotlines

- Contact Lifeline, Inc: 1-800-262-9800
- YWCA of DE/Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC): 800-773-8570
- Delaware State University Rape Crisis: 302-420-5751
- University of Delaware Sexual Offense Support (SOS): 302-831-1001 press 1
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE