

## Restricted Sexual Assault Kit Information

- The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) is the designated entity that is required by law to securely store all sexual assault evidence kits when they are restricted (not reported to law enforcement) for a minimum of 30 months.
- 30 months from the time the BCA receives your kit(s), if no report to law enforcement has been made, the BCA has the authority to destroy your kit(s).
- **Restricted kits submitted to the BCA will not contain any identifying information inside or outside the kit.**  
Instead, a unique identification number will be assigned to all evidence collected (see below).
- All medical information, including the Forensic Medical Exam note and any additional care provided during your exam will be securely stored in your medical chart at the hospital.
- **Evidence kits are not tested unless a report is made to law enforcement.** To make a report, contact the law enforcement agency serving the location of where the assault took place. However, Minnesota statute 609.3459 does state that a victim may initiate a report by contacting any law enforcement agency, regardless of where the crime may have occurred. You will be required to sign forms to convert your kit(s) to an unrestricted kit for testing and to allow release of your Forensic Medical Exam note to law enforcement.
- You are strongly encouraged to contact advocacy services to help with the reporting process.  
RapehelpMN.org or RAINN.org can help you find advocacy services near you or you can call RAINN 800.656.4673.
- If you make a report to law enforcement, your kit(s) will be tested by the BCA.  
Please contact the law enforcement agency investigating your case for any results received.

Your restricted kit unique identification number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Patient/Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Nurse