

Montana Department of Justice

Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

**Course “Introduction to the
Law Enforcement Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System”**

Intro

Slide 2: Welcome to the course: Introduction to the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System.

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Slide 4: In this course we will introduce you to the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking system.

Introduction to the SAK Tracking System

Slide 5: The Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Tracking System serves as the hub for confidential information. The SAK Tracking System enables survivors to check on the status of their kit in real-time by tracing its cycle through the criminal justice system, including

- distribution,
- inventory,
- collection at a health care facility,
- storage by law enforcement agencies,
- analysis at a crime lab,
- and storage.

Survivors can opt-in to be notified when their kit status changes. The SAK Tracking System also serves medical professionals, Law Enforcement, and crime laboratories as a portal to process and update sexual assault kits.

Slide 6: The 2019 Montana Legislature enacted Senate Bill No. 52, which went into effect October 1, 2019 and was codified into Montana Code Annotated 46-15-405. It revised how sexual assault kits are to be collected, stored, delivered, and tracked. Section 2 of the bill specifically set out policy for the statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system.

“(1) The department of justice shall create, operate, and maintain a statewide sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. The tracking system must:

- (a) track the status of a sexual assault evidence kit from the collection site through the criminal justice process, including the initial collection at a health care facility, inventory and storage by law enforcement agencies, analysis at a crime laboratory, and storage or destruction after completion of analysis;*
- (b) allow law enforcement agencies, health care facilities, a crime laboratory, and other entities that receive, maintain, store, or preserve sexual assault evidence kits to update the status and location of the kits; and*

(c) allow an individual to anonymously access the tracking system to track the location and status of the individual's sexual assault evidence kit.

*(2) The department of justice shall adopt rules for developing and using the sexual assault evidence kit tracking system. **Law enforcement agencies, health care facilities, and crime laboratories shall use the tracking system as provided in the rules.***

(3) Information contained in the sexual assault evidence kit tracking system is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.”

Glossary

Slide 7: In this section, you can review some common terminology used within the system.

- **Archived:** The kit has been processed and has been returned from the lab.
- **ePass Montana:** is a service provided on Montana’s official state website, mt.gov, that allows access to all authorized eGovernment services with one username and password.
- **KitTrack:** Is Montana’s official Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System.
- **Transfers In:** The kits that were transferred to your facility.
- **Transfers Out:** The kits that were transferred out of your agency to an accredited crime laboratory.
- **Transfer to Evidence:** Transfer to Evidence allows an agency to transfer a kit to a different law enforcement agency. For example, through an agency assisted pick-up and subsequent transfer.
- **In-Evidence: The kits that are in your agency’s evidence room.**
- **Destroyed:** Kits that were destroyed, for example if it was damaged, lost, tampered with, contaminated, etc.
- **Receive a kit:** Transferring the kit from the “Transfers In” tile to the “Inventory” tile.
- **Transfer for Archival:** Transferring the kit from your agency to a different law enforcement agency for storage.
- **FREPP:** Stands for “Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program.” For more information visit our course “Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program.”
- **Kit:** The Montana rape kit contains the instructions and materials required to conduct a rape exam. The rape kit focuses mainly on evidence collection. The toxicology kit may not always be needed. It contains testing materials for urine and blood to be tested for drugs and alcohol.

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Slide 10: Objectives: In this course, you were introduced to the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System.

Slide 11: Thank you for completing this course. Select “Close” to exit.