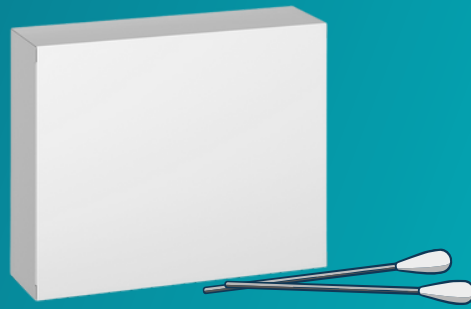


Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Response Teams, and At-Home Kits

THINGS

YOU NEED

TO KNOW



SANE and SART:

Sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) and sexual assault response teams (SART) receive extensive training to provide trauma-informed, comprehensive care to sexual assault victims.

At-Home Kits

At-home kits may be advertised as “evidence kits.” However, trained medical professionals are expertly qualified in collecting samples, examining and treating the victim, and preserving and testing evidence that is obtained during the exam.

We do not support at-home kits, especially where the perpetrator's identity is uncertain. We recommend evidence collection through a trained medical professional.

true or false?

If I seek medical treatment after a sexual assault, I cannot stop the exam after starting.

False. Sexual assault nurse examiners receive extensive training in order to provide trauma-informed and comprehensive care to sexual assault victims.

The SANE exam and treatment are based on patient consent and choice.

SANE/SART provide necessary medical care as well as connections to local resources.

True. Some examples of supports offered to survivors by sexual assault response teams includes but is not limited to prescribed medication, screening for potential STIs, emergency contraceptives, trauma care, mental health supports and connection to resources.

If I seek medical treatment after a sexual assault, I will have to report or engage with the police or criminal justice system.

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Sexual assault medical exams are free.

If you receive a medical bill for health services after a sexual assault, contact the Washington State Crime Victims Program at:

- CrimeVictimsProgramM@Lni.wa.gov
- Call 1-800-762-3716 toll-free



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You are not alone. We're here for you.

If you are worried about your continued safety or are experiencing issues related to your assault (employment, housing, immigration, etc) and want to explore your legal options in WA State, please reach out to us via email at legalline@svlawcenter.org or via phone at 844-991-7852