



Unsubmitted SAKs: Navigating the Process

From Inventory to Adjudication

Goals

- Ensure justice for victims
- Improve public safety and trust
- Test all unsubmitted SAKs
- Facilitate comprehensive sexual assault reform

This brief is an excerpt from the complete <u>Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits:</u> Navigating the Process from Inventory to Adjudication resource guide.



Conduct an **inventory** of unsubmitted SAKs.



Implement a system to **track** progress, from inventory to adjudication.



Utilize a multidisciplinary team to address factors that led to the unsubmitted SAKs.



Enhance victim services and support.



Develop and implement **protocols** for victim notification and related issues.



Determine resources needed for investigations, prosecutions, and advocacy—such as training and personnel.



Submit and test unsubmitted SAKs.



Partner with researchers to assess the data.



Investigate and prosecute these cold cases to the fullest extent possible.

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