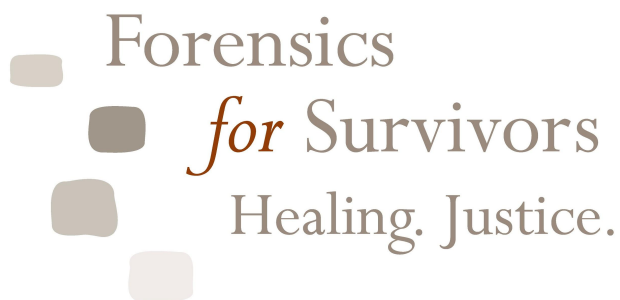


# Resources

- **Track-Kit:** All kits and toxicology kits can be tracked online: <https://ma.track-kit.us/>
- **Victim Compensation:** 617-727-2200, [bit.ly/mavictimcomp](http://bit.ly/mavictimcomp)
- **MOVA (Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance):** 617-586-1340, [mova.state.ma.us](http://mova.state.ma.us)
- **Victim Rights Law Center:** 617-399-6720, toll free 877-758-8132, [victimrights.org](http://victimrights.org)
- **Jane Doe, Inc.: Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence:** 617-248-0922, [janedoe.org](http://janedoe.org)
- **MA Department of Public Health: Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Services:** 617-624-5457
- **Massachusetts Children's Alliance:** 617-573-9800, [machildrensalliance.org](http://machildrensalliance.org)
- **MA Executive Office of Public Safety, Violence Against Women Act Grant Program:** 617-725-3301

**Local Rape Crisis Center #:**



After a sexual assault, you have many options. Understanding and choosing between these options is often confusing.

## **You are not alone.**

Information, support, and resources are available to help you find your path to healing and justice.

For more information, visit **[surviverape.org](http://surviverape.org)**.

Or call the Forensic Information and Toxicology Alert Line:

**866-463-3799**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## **FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

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*This packet contains information and resources that may help you with the physical and emotional aftermath of an assault. These resources are available to you when and if you need them.*

**Your kit #:**

**Your Toxicology kit #:**

*After deciding to have an evidence collection kit completed, you have the option to report the assault to law enforcement or to not report it. The choice is yours. This brochure is designed to help you navigate through the next steps of the healing process.*

### **MA SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT (MSAECK) PAYMENT OF RELATED EXPENSES**

In Massachusetts, survivors of sexual violence who receive a forensic exam should not receive a bill (including co-pay) for the exam and/or hospital visit related to the assault.

If you have insurance and no privacy concerns, the hospital may bill the insurance for the emergency room visit and other related costs. If you do not have insurance or wish to not have your insurance billed, all qualified forensic medical exam costs should be submitted to the Victim Compensation Fund. If you have concerns about billing, contact the hospital's billing department.

If you are charged for any exam costs or costs that don't qualify as a directly associated cost, you may submit a claim through the MA Victim Compensation Fund for reimbursement. Please contact the Victim Compensation Fund at 617-727-2200 for any related questions.

## **About the MSAECK**

### **What is the MSAECK?**

The MSAECK is a standardized tool used for collecting evidence in cases of sexual assault.

### **What is done with the MSAECK?**

If you report this assault to law enforcement, the MSAECK will be processed at a state or Boston police crime lab as soon as it is transferred there. If you decide to not report, the MSAECK will be stored by the police department in the area the incident occurred; it will be transported to a crime lab if the assault is reported at any point.

### **What will the MSAECK tell me?**

Testing of the MSAECK will document whether any physical evidence, including DNA, is present on your body or clothing.

### **Will I get my clothes back from the MSAECK?**

Any clothing or other personal items collected as part of the MSAECK will not be returned to you.

Both the MSAECK and toxicology kit will become property of the jurisdiction where the assault occurred. If the assault occurred out of state, the kit(s) will be transported to the police department/crime lab, depending on the other state's protocol.

## **Toxicology Testing**

A toxicology screen will indicate whether or not a substance is found in urine or blood at the time of kit collection. Because substances can leave the body quickly, a negative result does not mean that you were definitely not drugged; it simply shows that a substance was not present when the kit was collected. Please be aware that prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, and recreational drugs will be detected by the screen.

### **IF THE ASSAULT WAS REPORTED TO THE POLICE:**

If toxicology testing was done (to detect drugs you may have been given without your knowledge), you can contact the police department of the town where the assault occurred or the District Attorney's Office for the test results.

### **IF THE ASSAULT WAS NOT REPORTED TO THE POLICE:**

If toxicology testing was done (to detect drugs you may have been given without your knowledge), you can call 866-463-3799 with your MSAECK number as soon as you feel comfortable, and an advocate can help you track the kit as well as find out the results approximately 12 weeks after testing.