

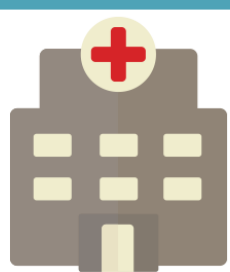
SAFE Act

Comprehensive Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reform

After a 2015 report by the state Auditor found more than 3,000 untested sexual assault kits in the Commonwealth, the 2016 Kentucky General Assembly passed a law that seeks to prevent a backlog of untested kits from ever happening again.

Key Elements of the New Law

Requires Kits be Submitted and Tested



24 Hours

Hospitals must notify law enforcement of reported kits

5 days

Law enforcement must retrieve the kit



30 days

Law enforcement must submit the kit to the lab



Lab must reduce average time for testing kits

90 days by 2018
60 days by 2020

More Training, Policies for Law Enforcement



Limits destruction of kits



Mandates process for notifying victims about kit progress



SART AC to help develop victim-centered, evidence-based model policies

Other Key Elements of the SAFE Act

Establishes SANE-ready designation

CHFS will certify hospitals that have a SANE nurse on call 24/7, provide list of SANE-ready hospitals to EMS



Increases Reporting



Calls for collection of data related to sexual assault in Kentucky and analysis of costs of these crimes

Establishes Regional SARTs

Requires SART AC to help set up regional teams