

Get In Touch

# Local Sexual Assault Service Provider

**CONNECTICUT ALLIANCE  
TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE**   
Support. Advocate. Prevent.



## Phone Number

1-888-999-5545 (Call or Text)



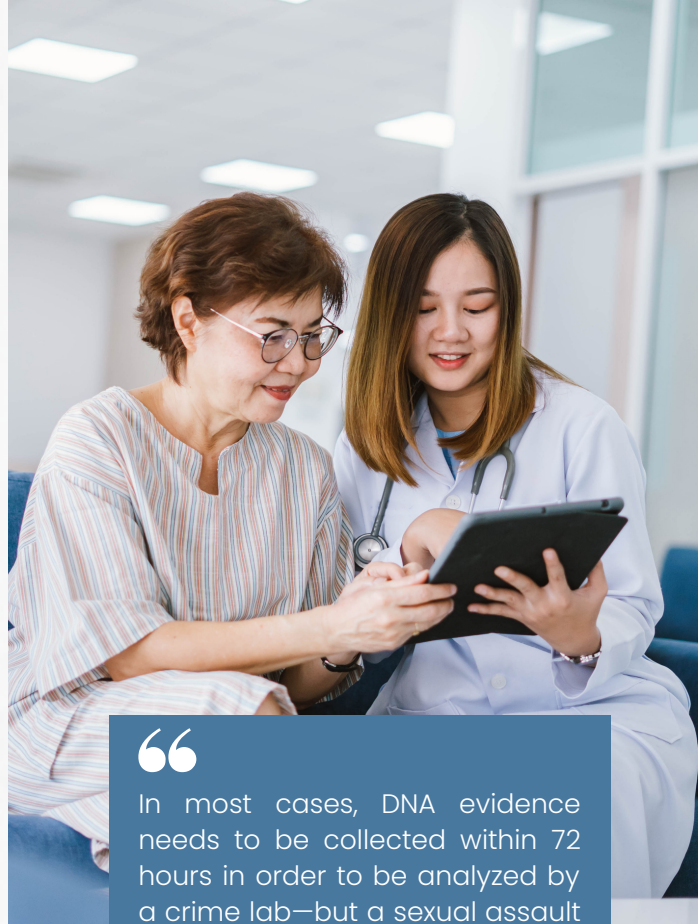
## Website

[www.endsexualviolencect.org](http://www.endsexualviolencect.org)



## Location of local Hospital for S.A.F.E. Kit

Lawrence & Memorial Hospital  
(Emergency Dept.)  
365 Montauk Ave, New London, CT 06320  
(860) 442-0711



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In most cases, DNA evidence needs to be collected within 72 hours in order to be analyzed by a crime lab—but a sexual assault forensic exam can reveal other forms of evidence beyond this time frame that can be useful if you decide to report. Place your belongings, including the clothes you were wearing, in a paper bag to safely preserve evidence.

If you have questions about the timeframe, you can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800.656.HOPE (4673) or talk to your local sexual assault service provider.



# S.A.F.E. Sexual Assault Forensic Kit Information & Resources

USCGA SAPRR OFFICE  
(860) 961-8623



# What is a Sexual Assault Forensic Kit?

## Immediate care

If you have injuries that need immediate attention, those will be taken care of first.

## History

You will be asked about your medical history, current medications, etc. You will also be asked about the details of what has happened to you to help identify all potential areas of injury as well as places on your body or clothes where evidence may be located.

## Head-to-toe examination

It may also include taking samples of blood, urine, swabs of body surface areas, and sometimes hair samples. The trained professional performing the exam may take pictures of your body to document injuries and the examination. With your permission, they may also collect items of clothing, including undergarments. Any other forms of physical evidence that are identified during the examination may be collected and packaged for analysis, such as a torn piece of the perpetrator's clothing, a stray hair, or debris.

For more info:  
<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/sexual-assault>



## After an Assault

Call someone you trust—a friend, family, SAPRR office, local resource, etc. Seek immediate help to protect your rights, preserve evidence, and obtain medical attention for your physical and mental well-being and safety.

- ✓ Go somewhere safe
- ✓ Try to preserve evidence
- ✓ Seek Medical attention asap

## Did you know a Victim Advocate can accompany you?

Call a member of our SAPRR Office or one of our Local SA Resources listed on the back of this pamphlet for confidential accompaniment.

# Why should you consider having a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam?

- It won't cost you.
- Gives you time to think about your reporting options.

## -Increases likelihood of Prosecution

The importance of DNA evidence in sexual assault cases cannot be overstated. Not only does DNA evidence carry weight in court, but it may prevent future sexual assaults from occurring. Even if the perpetrator is not prosecuted, their DNA may be added to the national database, making it easier to connect the perpetrator to a future crime.

## How long will the evidence be stored?

The amount of time an evidence kit will be stored varies by state and jurisdiction. As of 2023, per COMDTINST 1754.10F, If you've made a Restricted Report with CG, CGIS retains kits for 10yrs and will not be processed unless you convert to an Unrestricted Report.

In the state of CT, anonymous kits are held up to 5yrs at the state's forensic lab. After 5yrs, returned to local PD- untested.