

New Hampshire SAFE-ITR 60-Day Performance Measures 11/01/21 through 12/31/21

Number of SAEKs that are in the possession of the applicant agency at the beginning of the award period: 0

The NH DOJ does not possess used SAEKs; SAEKs are held as evidence at individual police departments around the State. Law Enforcement agencies from around the State self-reported the four digit kit serial numbers for unsubmitted kits. Over 1,000 individual kit serial numbers have been recorded since NH's inventory of unsubmitted SAEKs began in 2017. Throughout this period, the inventory has been updated to include 140 kits that the lab requested be resubmitted due to incomplete analysis.

Number of SAEKs inventoried during the reporting period:

36 kits were transferred to the NH State Police Forensic Lab during this 60-day reporting period as a result of this Initiative. 5 of these were previously unsubmitted SAEKs and 31 of these kits had been requested back from the Lab for additional analysis.

Number of SAEKs that do not require testing.

The NH State Police Forensic Lab determines which kits are not eligible for testing pursuant to their protocol and standards. The Lab provides reports to the law enforcement agencies submitting the kit, therefore the DOJ and the SAFE-ITR Coordinator do not have access to individual lab reports or data generated as a result of this Initiative. The lab advised that 7 kits from this reporting period do not require testing. 180 Anonymous kits that are part of the inventory do not require testing unless/until a victim comes forward.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAEKs identified as needing forensic testing:

This is determined by the NH State Police Forensic Lab pursuant to their protocols and standards. The lab estimates that 79% of kits received in this reporting period will need forensic testing. The Lab provides reports to the law enforcement agencies submitting the kit and will be submitting SAFE-ITR related lab reports to the respective County Attorney Office. The NH DOJ and the SAFE-ITR Coordinator do not have access to individual lab reports or data generated as a result of this Initiative.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAEKs sent to the laboratory for testing.

At this point in this Initiative, approximately 99% of previously unsubmitted SAEK's still eligible to move to the lab have been transferred to the NH State Police Forensic Lab. Requests for the resubmission of kits with incomplete analysis in the past were made throughout December 2021 and many are still pending resubmission.

Percent reduction in the number of unsubmitted SAEKs requiring DNA testing.

This metric was not available from the NH State Police Forensic Lab at the time of previous reporting so there is no previous data to compute the reduction in this reporting period. Since work on this project began, approximately 42% of the SAFE-ITR kits submitted to The NH State Police Forensic Lab (220 kits), have been outsourced to DNA Labs International. The NH State Police Foensic Lab continues to work with the vendor lab to outsource kits and has sought additional funding to continue analysis of SAEKs.

Number of SAEKs inventoried and reported that:

A. Were identified as previously tested: 77 total since SAFE-ITR work began.

- B. Do not require testing: 7 in this reporting period.
- C. Were sent to the laboratory for testing: **36** in this 60-day period; **525** since SAFE-ITR work began.
- D. Had a final disposition (e.g., were adjudicated): **Unknown**. Without access to an automated tracking system, there is currently no way to track this. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator previously requested feedback from County Attorneys around the State on any cases that are re-opened or adjudicated as a result of this project, when available. However, at this point, the NH State Police Forensic Lab is still in the process of reviewing and reporting on results for the 220 kits that were outsourced thus far and those results have not yet been disseminated.

Number of deliverables that meet expectations:

- **Deployment of an automated information system:** A contract for a kit tracking software program is making its way through New Hampshire’s bureaucratic process.
- **Commencement and completion of inventory:** The inventory was completed previously and continues to be updated as additional data becomes available.
- **Commencement of tracking and reporting on SAEK movement:** This will be dependent on the deployment of an automated information system. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator and Lab personnel are coordinating to ensure that current kits collected at hospitals around the State are arriving at the Lab in a timely fashion. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator is following up on kits when necessary to prevent an accumulation of unsubmitted kits in NH going forward.

Develop website to report metrics:

SAFE-ITR Reports have been posted on the NH DOJ website (www.doj.nh.gov) and can be found under the “Resources” tab. Under the “Crime Victims” tab, there is a link to the “Office of Victim/Witness Assistance” and the reports appear under “Policies, Reports, Publications.”