

New Hampshire SAFE-ITR 60-Day Performance Measures 9/01/22 through 10/31/22

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

The NH DOJ issues SAEKs to hospitals, now with kit tracking labels affixed to them, but does not possess used SAEKs. SAEKs are held as evidence at individual police departments around the State until and after lab submission.

Number of SAKs inventoried during the reporting period:

Utilizing the new tracking system, 54 kits were submitted to the NH State Police Forensic Lab during this reporting period. An additional 11 anonymous kits were submitted to the lab but will not be analyzed unless/until a victim comes forward to law enforcement and authorizes analysis.

Number of SAKs that do not require testing.

The NH State Police Forensic Lab determines which kits are not eligible for testing. 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. Over the course of the Program, reasons that some kits were not tested include the kit being collected outside collection timeframes, cases involving digital penetration and cases in which sample collection was incomplete.

Percentage of unsubmitted SAKs identified as needing forensic testing:

This is determined by the NH State Police Forensic Lab pursuant to their protocols and standards. The Lab provides reports to the law enforcement agencies submitting the kit and SAFE-ITR related lab reports also go 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 SAKs sent to the laboratory for testing.

At this point in this Initiative, approximately 99 - 100% of previously unsubmitted SAEK's still eligible to move to the lab have been transferred to the NH State Police Forensic Lab. In an effort to determine if NH had any additional unsubmitted kits, as part of a 9/1/22 Law Enforcement Memorandum sent out by the NH DOJ about the launch of the kit tracking system, law enforcement agencies were asked to contact the SAFE-ITR Coordinator if they still had any unsubmitted kits.

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

No updated information from the Lab is available at the time of this report. Please see semi-annual report ending 6/30/22 for latest available lab data.

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: Exact number not currently available. Lab data provided for the semi-annual report ending 6/30/22 indicates that 124 of the SAFE-ITR kits either had no testing or no usable profile; the exact number in each category was available to the SAFE-ITR Coordinator.
- C. Were sent to the laboratory for testing: Approx. **595** previously unsubmitted or "incomplete analysis" kits since Program work began; 54 contemporary kits in this reporting period.

D. Had a final disposition (e.g., were adjudicated): Unknown. 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.

Number of deliverables that meet expectations:

- **Deployment of an automated information system:** The focus of this reporting period was transitioning from the soft launch of NH’s kit tracking system to a Statewide launch. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator visited numerous hospitals across the State to retrofit kit tracking labels onto kits in hospital supply and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners assisted with the task so that trackable kits are currently in all hospitals as well as in some pediatric child abuse clinics. 9 different medical facilities have used the tracking system to date. Tracking labels are available at the NH DOJ for when hospitals request additional kit supply. Additionally, with the assistance of Lab personnel, tracking labels were retrofit on approximately 167 kits currently in-house at the NH State Police Forensic Lab; the SAFE-ITR Coordinator used data from the Lab so kit tracking information is available in the system from the point those kits were submitted. In addition to tracking kits within our state, the tracking system tracked 5 kits that were transferred out-of-state for jurisdictional reasons during this 60-day reporting period. 22 law enforcement agencies, to include local, county and state agencies, have used the new kit tracking system to date. As use of the tracking system has not been necessary in all hospitals or by all law enforcement agencies, outreach and training will continue as kits are collected in other areas of New Hampshire. Deployment of NH’s kit tracking system includes a usage alert being sent to the SAFE-ITR Coordinator when kit tracking is initiated by a medical facility; this allows for timely outreach to law enforcement agencies who are receiving a kit and will be using the kit tracking system for the first time. The NH Attorney General sent out a Law Enforcement Memorandum to all NH County Attorneys and Law Enforcement Agencies on 9/1/22 which explained the system and the expectation that it will be utilized.
- **Commencement and completion of inventory:** NH’s Tracking System is now functional and inventory reports can be generated. As of 11/19/22:
 - **223** trackable kits are available for use in hospital supply across the State. Hundreds more are available for distribution by the NH DOJ
 - **32** contemporary kits are at NH police departments, this includes kits pending lab submission, pending transfer to another agency for jurisdictional reasons, or received back from the Lab for retention pursuant to NH RSA 21-M:18
 - **214** contemporary kits in-house at the NH State Police Forensic Lab. *This does not include kits from past years that were outsourced as part of the SAFE-ITR Program
 - **11** kits were sent out of State for jurisdictional reasons since the launch of the kit tracking system
- **Commencement of tracking and reporting on SAEK movement:** The tracking system is now capable of identifying kits in the system that have not been submitted to the NH State Police Forensic Lab. The SAFE-ITR Coordinator continues to follow up on kits when necessary to prevent an accumulation of unsubmitted kits in NH going forward. Starting in November 2022 and going forward, the 10 County Attorneys around the State will receive a monthly status report of kits in their respective County. Additional tracking and reporting data will become available as the system is used more in the months to come.
- **Develop website to report metrics** SAFE-ITR Reports will continue to be 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.