

74. (Services) Do the Services use suspect kits in sexual assault cases in addition to the rape kits used for victim of sexual assaults?

USA	<p>A universal SAFE kit is employed for both suspects and victims of sexual assault, when the examinations are conducted in Army medical facilities. The kits come with instructions for collecting from either a suspect or victim. When a civilian contract medical facility is utilized, then whatever kit(s) mandated by the State are utilized. Since the civilian SAMFE/SANE is usually certified or licensed by the State, they are usually required to use the kit(s) identified by the State.</p> <p>Supplemental Response:</p> <p>The Office of the Surgeon General provided the following supplement to the U.S. Army response:</p> <p>SAFE kits are the same for both victim and suspect. Army MTF's utilize the DOD Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (Victim/Suspect) REORDER NO: RE-0DOD0(FS).</p>
USAF	<p>Yes. DoD SAFE kits contain both victim and suspect examination protocols. In cases where investigators feel a suspect medical examination might yield probative evidence or information they will attempt to have an examination conducted, either by obtaining consent from the suspect or by obtaining an authorization (search warrant) to do so.</p> <p>Investigators will request suspect kits be performed when appropriate. The suspect exam requires the same level of medical care expertise as the victim exam.</p>
USN	<p>At our MTFs, the current DoD Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit is capable of supporting either a suspect or victim examination and the kit contains instructions for a suspect or victim examination.</p> <p>DD Form 2911 Instructions (SUSPECT) outlines the process for conducting suspect exams. Forms are available online and located at: http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/forminfo/forminfo3302.html</p>
USMC	<p>Suspect exams are done in conjunction with NCIS. At our MTFs, the current DoD Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit is capable of supporting either a suspect or victim examination and the kit contains instructions for a suspect or victim examination. DD Form 2911 Instructions (SUSPECT) Nov 2911 outline the process for conducting suspect exams and are available online at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/forminfo/forminfo3302.html.</p>
USCG	<p>When a sexual assault is reported where there is a possibility to conduct a sexual assault forensic exam and perform a sexual assault evidence collection kit, typically the kit at the medical treatment facility is utilized. CGIS has kits (Sexual Assault Evidence Collection (SAEC) kit, Drug Facilitated SAEC kit, etc.) from Tri-Tech Forensics (http://www.tritechforensics.com) available, as needed. The basic SAEC kit may be used for either victim or subject.</p>

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