

New Hampshire SAFE-ITR 60-Day Performance Measures 01/01/23 through 02/28/23

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, 18 kits were submitted to the NH State Police Forensic Lab (NHSPFL) for analysis during this 60-day reporting period. An additional 10 anonymous kits were submitted to the lab but during this 60-day reporting period will not be analyzed unless/until a victim comes forward to law enforcement and authorizes analysis. 1 previously unanalyzed kit was identified in this reporting period and has since been added to the kit tracking system and outsourced for analysis. **Total 29 kits submitted.**

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 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 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. SAFE-ITR related lab reports and CODIS hit 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.

Based on the data available, 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.

As of December 2022, the NH State Police Forensic Lab advised that approximately 75% of SAFE-ITR kits have been processed to date. The NHSPFL Lab continues to receive data back from the outsourcing lab and is in the process of internal review and reporting out to NH law enforcement and County Attorney Offices.

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.
- C. Were sent to the laboratory for testing: Approx. **592** previously unsubmitted or "incomplete analysis" kits since Program work began. *This number was previously reported as 595 however in the last reporting period, the NHSPFL lab reported finding three duplicate entries.
- 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. NH's kit tracking vendor is in the process of adding "final disposition" options to the kit tracking system.

Number of deliverables that meet expectations:

- **Deployment of an automated information system:** Approximately 18 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. Approximately 57 different 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. A usage alert continues to be 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. The Memo has recently been supplemented with an Info sheet for Law Enforcement that addresses some FAQ that have come up since tracking system launch.
- **Commencement and completion of inventory:** NH's Tracking System is now functional and inventory reports can be generated. As of 03/13/23:
 - **249** trackable kits are available for use in hospital supply across the State. Hundreds more are available for distribution by the NH DOJ
 - **119** trackable kits are at NH police departments, this includes contemporary kits pending lab submission (3), contemporary kits pending transfer to another agency for jurisdictional reasons (1), or kits received back from the Lab for retention pursuant to NH RSA 21-M:18
 - **201** trackable kits are 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
 - **27** trackable kits have been sent out of State for jurisdictional reasons since the launch of the kit tracking system: **4** in this 60-day reporting period. This information is shared with neighboring states that also have kit tracking programs.
 - **24** out-of-state kits received in New Hampshire for jurisdictional reasons have been incorporated into NH's tracking system: **4** in this 60-day reporting period.
- **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. Since November 2022, the 10 County Attorneys around the State have received 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."