

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EVIDENCE – INVENTORY, TRACKING, AND REPORTING (SAFE-ITR) PROGRAM

Program Summary

The Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence – Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting (SAFE-ITR) Program assists agencies in addressing the inventory, tracking, and reporting of sexual assault kits (SAKs).

Program Objectives

- To gain an understanding of how many SAKs remain in possession of law enforcement agencies.
 - To understand the movement of SAKs through the criminal justice system.
- There are an estimated 30,000+ samples of sexual assault evidence for which DNA or other appropriate forensic analyses were completed.
 - Multiple agencies have conducted stakeholder meetings to solicit feedback from community partners and sexual assault survivors to increase transparency and maximize the user technology experience with the kit-tracking software.
 - Multiple agency partnerships are in place to address SAK tracking and reporting.

Program Funding and Awards

Award Year	Number of Awards	Amount Funded
FY 2016	4	\$3,335,612
FY 2017	7	\$1,869,901
FY 2018	3	\$1,427,310
FY 2019	2	\$1,363,859
FY 2020	3	\$2,199,203
FY 2021	1	\$960,000
Total	20	\$11,155,885

Program Accomplishments

- Six or more electronic SAK tracking systems are in place, with more in progress.

Additional Information

BJA Program Web Page: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/safe-itr/overview>.

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