

# Sexual Assault Evidence Collection

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## WHAT TO COLLECT:

In the event of a sexual assault, always collect the following when possible:

- Maine State Sex Crimes Kit from hospital
- Victim's clothing, worn at the time of the assault
- Victim's bedding (if location of assault) \*
- Any items possibly involved in assault (as indicated by victim's statement)

\*NOTE: If assault occurred on suspect's bedding, only collect if looking for victim's blood

### HOW WILL I GET RESULTS?

A Forensic Chemist will issue a report containing the results of body fluid testing. Reports will be emailed to the primary investigator.

### WHAT ABOUT DNA?

Items positive for relevant body fluids will be sent on for DNA analysis after Forensic Chemistry examinations are complete. A separate report containing DNA results will be issued.

## FABRIC COLLECTION

*Tips for collecting and preserving fabric evidence:*

*Ex. Clothing, bedding, carpets, curtains, etc.*

- Do not swab fabric – collect entire item or take cuttings
- Photograph before handling
- AIR DRY before packaging in paper
- Package each item separately
- Label each item with a description and identify the wearer, if applicable
- If submitting a cutting, identify location cutting was taken from

