

▶ Reporting Abuse

Mandated reporters are required to report child abuse or neglect under the Kansas Reporting Law (K.S.A. 38-2223), and the abuse of vulnerable adults who are unable to protect their own interests (K.S.A. 39-1401) immediately to the **Kansas Protection Report Center Hotline (1-800-922-5330)**.



SOUTHWEST SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

Examination &
Treatment Care Guide



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▶ About SWSAS

Southwest Sexual Assault Services involves trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE's) working at Southwest Medical Center to provide exams for victims of sexual assault. These SANE nurses have been through specialized training to provide a medical forensic exam, including a detailed physical and emotional assessment, written and photographic documentation, collection and management of forensic samples, and provide victims with emotional support and resources. Our SANE nurses will also be able to provide expert testimony should a victim's case go to trial.

▶ How to Request Treatment

- For information, treatment, or to refer someone to us for treatment, call Southwest Medical Center's Emergency Department at **620-629-6700** to have our on-call SANE nurse contact you.
- If a person potentially needs an exam, attempt to preserve as much evidence as possible.
- **SWSAS** examines and collects evidence from people of all ages up to **120** hours post-assault.
- If assault of a child occurred more than **120** hours ago, a Long Term Examination may be scheduled by contacting the SANE.

▶ Preserving Evidence

To assist in the process of evidence preservation, an attempt should be made to follow these guidelines until examined by a SANE nurse:

- Do not take any liquids by mouth
- Do not brush teeth or use mouthwash
- Do not bathe, shower, or douche
- Do not change clothing (unless collected by law enforcement prior to examination)
- Do not void or defecate
- Package items related to the sexual assault (sheets, clothes, diapers, sanitary pads, tampons) in paper bags (*1 item per bag*)

A SANE exam can and will still be conducted if the person has performed any of the above. Please contact the SANE team if you have questions regarding evidence preservation.

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