



Non-Reported Sexual Assault

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Sexual assault evidence collected without law enforcement reporting will be stored for two (2) years. Following the 2-year anniversary of the receipt of the evidence, the evidence will be destroyed even if no release has been received. Before the 2-year deadline, a victim may choose to either release the evidence to the law enforcement department where the assault occurred or have the evidence destroyed.

If you would like the **evidence released to law enforcement**:

1. Contact the local law enforcement department where the assault occurred.
2. Inform them that you are a survivor of sexual assault, that you have had evidence collected and that it is currently stored at the DPS.
3. Request the release form (LAB-NRSA-03) or download the release form from the Crime Lab website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/CrimeLaboratory/index.htm>.
4. Complete the release form including the name of the law enforcement agency, case number, investigating officer, and address.
5. Sign and mail or fax to:

Address: Texas DPS Bio-warehouse
12230 West Rd, Building C
Houston, TX 77065

Fax Number: 281-517-1395
Phone Number: 281-517-1380

If you would like the **evidence destroyed**:

1. Download the release form (LAB-NRSA-03) from the Crime Lab website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/CrimeLaboratory/index.htm> or request a copy from your local rape crisis center.
2. Complete the release form.
3. Sign and mail to the address above.

Forms and information are available on the Crime Lab Web site at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/CrimeLaboratory/index.htm>. If you have any questions, please contact the DPS Regional Crime Laboratory at the number listed above or email to HOUSTONCRIMELAB@DPS.TEXAS.GOV.

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The most current copy of the NRSA documents is available at:
<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>