



# Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking System

## Texas Track-Kit by the Numbers

Track-Kit data from 09/01/2019 – 02/29/2020:

- Total Number of Kits: **4,953**
  - Report Kits: **4,586**
  - Non-Report Kits: **367**
- Survivors who have logged in: **1,117** (22.5%)
- Medical facilities, law enforcement agencies, labs, and prosecutors participating: **1,038**

Other states are reporting survivor usage rates between 10–12%. DPS credits the higher usage rate in Texas to our partners in the medical facilities, law enforcement agencies, and advocacy groups who inform survivors of their right to anonymously track their kit.

All 17 DNA labs in Texas are participating in Track-Kit. DPS is continuing their effort to add additional medical facilities and law enforcement agencies to the system. Agency/user access forms for each Track-Kit user group are available on the [SAE Tracking](#) website under **User Access Forms**. If a facility or agency is not populated in Track-Kit, please contact DPS or STACS DNA Customer Support and we will work with these non-participating agencies to ensure their compliance with state law.

## STACS DNA Customer Support

Live technical support is available to all users Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm CST.

- Toll Free: 855-239-0677
- Email: [support@stacsdna.com](mailto:support@stacsdna.com)
- Chat feature within Track-Kit

## Disabled Track-Kit Accounts

Due to DPS Cyber Security policy, Track-Kit accounts are automatically disabled after 90 days if there is no activity. Please login once every 90 days to keep Track-Kit accounts active.

## SAE Collection Kit Update

Sirchie and Tri-Tech are both utilizing the Kit Manufacturer/Distributor Portal in Track-Kit. Please note that the prefix of the barcodes has changed to identify the manufacturer of the kit. Kits produced by Sirchie have the prefix **TXS** and kits produced by Tri-Tech have the prefix **TXT**.

## Timelines for SAE Collection Kits

HB 8 (2019) created timelines for the submission, testing, and analysis for all kits collected after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

- Collection of the kit from the medical facility: Law Enforcement must collect the kit from the medical facility within 7 days of the agency receiving notice that the kit has been collected; Law enforcement has 14 days if their office is over 100 miles from the medical facility
- Submission to lab: Law enforcement must submit the kit for testing to a lab within 30 days of getting possession of the kit  
**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Regardless of survivor participation or prosecution of the case, kits should be submitted to a lab for analysis unless it is revealed, after a thorough investigation, that no crime occurred. Reference: Texas Government Code Section 420.042.
- Testing: Labs must conduct all testing on the evidence within 90 days of getting possession of the kit and upload information into CODIS in 30 days. This 90 day testing requirement applies to all kits received by labs on or after 01/01/2021.

## NEW Audit Feature

HB 8 (2019) also requires a historical audit and a quarterly audit of all untested kits in Texas. Law enforcement agencies and labs should report their audit numbers in Track-Kit by utilizing the new audit feature. For more information about the audit and/or reporting requirements, please visit the [SAK Audit and Reporting](#) website or contact the DPS Laboratory by email at [SAEreporting@dps.texas.gov](mailto:SAEreporting@dps.texas.gov).

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