The Attorney General’s Office provides a range of programs and services to assist victims of sexual assault as they move toward healing.

Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System

The SAKT System is a free, online system that allows individuals who have been sexually assaulted to anonymously view the status of their sexual assault evidence kit via a unique reference number. The kit, which DOES NOT contain any identifying information about the victim, is scanned at each point of transfer: from the hospital, to the applicable law enforcement agency, to the lab for analysis and back to the law enforcement agency.


Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Program

SAFE pays to make forensic medical exams available to all individuals who have been sexually assaulted, regardless of their ability to pay or whether they reported the assault to law enforcement. During this exam, a medical provider will use a Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (sometimes called an evidence collection kit) to gather DNA samples and document and preserve evidence. SAFE also pays for preventive medication provided as part of the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam to individuals who have been sexually assaulted and who may have been exposed to HIV or other sexually transmitted infections. There may be some cost for services unrelated to the forensic exam that are not covered. Speak to an advocate at your local rape crisis program to learn about financial assistance programs, including the Crime Victim Compensation program.

To learn more about SAFE go to www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/SAFE.
Crime Victim Compensation (CVC)

The Crime Victim Compensation Program reimburses qualifying victims of crime for out-of-pocket expenses lost as a direct result of the victimization.

Specific eligibility requirements and eligible expenses can be found at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CVC.

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE)

VINE is an automated system that shares vital information about whether the person who hurt you is in custody in a county jail or the Ohio Departments of Rehabilitation and Correction or Youth Services. You can register (your information stays confidential) to be notified by phone and/or email if the custody status of the offender changes.

To access VINE or find out more, visit www.VINELink.com, call 1-800-770-0192 or visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/VINE.