



SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS

West Manheim Twp. Police Dept.

Property Manual



Sexual Assault Kits will usually be obtained from a hospital and evidence collected by a doctor. **Follow kit's instructions** for packaging of contents.



Kit should be sealed with tape and clothing bags should be stapled closed by hospital personnel. **Complete applicable blocks on front of kit for chain of possession.**



Seal individual clothing bags with evidence tape and place together in large brown grocery bag. Package victim/suspect items separately to prevent cross contamination.



Seal bag with evidence tape and affix tag to front with clear tape. Attach biohazard label to both sides of bag if clothing contains body fluids. Place in Evidence Refrigerator.



Affix tag to back of kit with clear tape or mark kit with identifiers, including case # and log #, in appropriate area. Attach Lab Request to top with clear tape. Place in Evidence Refrigerator.

Points of Interest

- If necessary, clothing or moist samples should be air dried at hospital, prior to packaging.
- Clothing bags may not be collected from victim or suspect at hospital, if current clothing was not worn during assault.
- Protect items from exposure to **sunlight, heat,** and **humidity** to prevent degradation of DNA.
- Transport to Lab same day, if possible, or within 48 hours after collection.