



VAWA Forensic Compliance Project “Types” of Compliance

Evidence Collection Option

Guiding Principle

- Emphasis on healthcare and evidence collection, and not on reporting to law enforcement

Characteristics

- Victims are offered a SAFE Exam regardless of their decision to cooperate or participate with justice system
- From a law enforcement perspective, no crime has taken place unless & until victim elects to report at a later date
- Hospital stores kit in some cases

Anonymous/ “Jane Doe”/ Blind Reporting

Guiding Principle

- Emphasizes keeping victim’s identity from law enforcement

Characteristics

- Victims are offered a SAFE exam regardless of decision to cooperate or participate with justice system
- From a law enforcement perspective, they are not investigating until victim chooses to make a full report
- Law enforcement may document evidence through a police report or an informational report
- Generally, law enforcement transports evidence to police department for storage
- Also known as ‘Third Party Reporting’

Anonymous Mandatory Reporting

Guiding Principles

- Uniform reporting of sexual assault will allow the State to learn much more regarding the prevalence of sexual assault.

Characteristics

- Victims are offered a SAFE exam regardless of their decision to cooperate with law enforcement and/or participate with the criminal justice system
- From a law enforcement perspective, a crime has taken place, which is generally documented through an alternative manner (such as a supplemental report filed by a health care provider).
- Generally, law enforcement transports evidence to police department for storage

Evidence Based Prosecution Option

Guiding Principle

- Proper evidence collection may allow prosecutor to proceed in prosecuting the case with physical evidence only

Characteristics

- Similar to Pro-Prosecution model for Domestic Violence
- At this time, this theoretical option is being considered as a possibility in a few jurisdictions

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