

Responding to Sexual Assault

New Mexico SANE Programs

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How to Respond to Sexual Assault

1. If there is a medical emergency, respond to the medical need first; the SANE exam is always secondary to medical stability.
2. If the patient is age 13 or older and based on patient consent and if the suspicion of sexual assault is within the previous 5 days/120 hours, contact the nearest Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's (SANE) Program to request an exam. (List of NM SANE Programs below.) There is no cost for this exam.
 - a. If you do not have access to a nearby SANE program, contact your local hospital's Emergency Department to determine whether they are equipped to conduct a medical/forensic exam.
3. Medical care related to the sexual assault is the primary concern in a SANE exam, and forensic evidence collection is always secondary. A sexual assault patient does not have to file a police report to receive SANE services. It is the patient's right, for example, to consent to a medical exam and treatment, and to not give consent for evidence collection or the filing of a police report.
4. The SANE exam is offered as options that are driven by patient consent. The patient can decline any part of the exam and/or evidence collection. Services may include testing for pregnancy and pregnancy contraception; treatment for sexually transmitted diseases; documentation of assault; treatment, documentation, and photography of injury; and evidence collection.
5. If the assault is recent, encourage the person (patient) not to shower, bathe, or otherwise clean up. If the person (patient) is still wearing the clothes worn during the assault, the SANE may ask to take the clothing but will provide replacement clothes.
6. The SANE nurses are on-call. They are not physically on-site waiting. You need to call to activate the SANE before presenting to the unit.
7. A SANE exam can take 2 to 4 hours; some exams take longer depending on injury. Exams can be scheduled within the 5 days/120 hours post assault.

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8. If the patient is age 13 or older, and the assault occurred more than 5 days but less than 30 days prior, the patient can make an appointment at the nearest SANE Program for STI (sexually transmitted infection) treatment. There is no cost for this appointment. It is for STI treatment only and does not include a physical exam or evidence collection.
9. The SANE exam for children ages 12 and under differs from the adult exam. The acute child sexual abuse exam is done within 72 hours of last suspected contact, while a deferred exam is scheduled for children who disclose well after 72 hours. Law enforcement, child protective services, and SANE will consult for child sexual abuse cases. If you are working with a person (patient) who is 12 years or younger, call the nearest SANE Program and the nurse will guide you through the process.

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Alamogordo

SANE of Otero and Lincoln Counties

Acute exams, all ages

- **Mailing address:** PO Box 2626 Alamogordo, NM 88310
- **Counties:** Otero, Lincoln
- **Office phone:** 575-430-8353
- **SANE dispatch:** 575-430-9485
- **Website:** <http://www.oterolincolnsane.org/>

Albuquerque

New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

- **Physical address:** 3909 Juan Tabo Blvd NE Suite 6 Albuquerque, NM 87111
- **County:** Statewide
- **Office phone:** 505-883-8020
- **Website:** <https://nmcsap.org/>

Albuquerque SANE Collaborative

Acute exams, all ages

- **Physical address:** 625 Silver SW Suite 2206 Albuquerque, NM 87102
- **County:** Bernalillo
- **Office phone:** 505-883-8720
- **SANE dispatch:** 505-884-7263
- **Website:** <https://www.abqsane.org/>

Para Los Niños Program

Child sexual abuse – emergency and scheduled evaluations

- **Physical address:** 625 Silver Ave SW Albuquerque, NM 87102
- **County:** Bernalillo
- **Office phone:** 505-272-6849
- **Website:** <https://unmhealth.org/medical-professionals/child-safety-well-being/pln-clinic.html>

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Carlsbad

SPEAK SANE/DV Exam Services

Acute exams for adolescents and adults

- **Mailing address:** PO Box 1441 Carlsbad, NM 88221
- **Physical address:** 2319 W Pierce St Carlsbad, NM 88220
- **County:** Eddy
- **Office phone:** 575-200-3929
- **SANE Dispatch:** 575-303-7070
- **Website:** <https://www.affirmingheart.com/speak>

Farmington

Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico

Acute exams all ages and deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Physical address:** 622 W Maple St Suite F Farmington, NM 87401
- **County:** San Juan
- **Office phone:** 505-325-2805
- **Website:** <https://www.saswnm.org/>

Gallup

Gallup Indian Medical Center

Adults and Adolescents

- **Physical address:** 516 E Nizhoni Blvd Gallup, NM 87301
- **County:** McKinley
- **Office phone:** 505-722-1000 (Ask to be transferred to ER SANE dispatch)

Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico

Acute exams all ages and deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Physical address:** 111 S 1st St Gallup, NM 87301
- **County:** McKinley
- **Office phone:** 505-399-5940
- **Website:** <https://www.saswnm.org/>

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Hobbs

The Phoenix House Hobbs SANE

Acute exams all ages and deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Physical address:** 221 E Green Acres Dr Hobbs, NM 88240
- **County:** Lea
- **Office phone:** 575-433-3322
- **SANE dispatch:** 575-942-1911
- **Website:** <https://www.phhobbs.org/>

Las Cruces

La Piñon SANE Project

Acute exams all ages and deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Physical address:** 2450 S Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011
- **County:** Doña Ana
- **La Piñon office phone:** 575-526-3437
- **SANE office phone:** 575-521-5549
- **SANE dispatch:** 888-595-7273
- **Website:** <https://lapinon.org/>

Portales

Arise Sexual Assault Services

Acute exams all ages and referrals for deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Mailing address:** PO Box 5586, Clovis, NM 88101
- **Physical address:** 801 W 18th St Portales, NM 88130
- **County:** Roosevelt
- **Office phone:** 575-468-1010
- **SANE dispatch:** 575-226-7263
- **Website:** <https://www.arisenm.org/>

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Roswell

I Can Survive Roswell Refuge SANE Project

Acute exams all ages and deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Physical address:** 1215 N Garden Roswell, NM 88203
- **County:** Chaves
- **Office phone:** 575-627-8361
- **Website:** <https://roswellrefuge.org/>

Santa Fe

Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center SANE Program

Acute exams all ages and deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Physical address:** 6601 Valentine Way Santa Fe, NM 87507
- **County:** Santa Fe
- **Office phone:** 505-913-4999
- **SANE dispatch:** 505-989-5952

Silver City

Silver Regional Sexual Assault Support Services and SANE

Acute exams all ages and deferred exams for child sexual abuse

- **Physical address:** 3201 N Ridge Loop Dr Silver City, NM 88061
- **County:** Grant
- **Office phone:** 575-313-6203
- **Website:** <https://www.silverregionalsass.org/>

Taos

Taos/Holy Cross Hospital SANE Program

Acute exams for adolescents and adults

- **Physical address:** 1329 Gusdorf Rd Taos, NM 87571
- **County:** Taos
- **Office phone:** 575-751-8990