

SAFE Designation System

The Forensic Nurse Examiner Task Force, headed by the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN), in partnership with multiple state agencies, has implemented a statewide standard of care for sexual assault victims. Hospitals and other agencies involved in sexual assault care, including EMS, Law Enforcement, Fire and Advocacy Centers, can apply to have their organization/agency recognized with Sexual Assault Forensic Excellence (SAFE) designation.

Hospital accreditation is assigned using the 3-tier system outlined in the diagram below. To be eligible for the SAFE designation, each hospital will be required to appoint a contact person to oversee the sexual assault kit tracking system. To assist hospitals in obtaining SAFE designation, SCVAN will provide free Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Adult/Adolescent Didactic trainings.

Agency accreditation of the SAFE designation will require 75% of field personnel to complete a 2-hour training on caring for sexual assault victims. This education includes evidence preservation, trauma informed care, and information on other area agencies that are SAFE designated. Continuing education credits will be provided to all disciplines upon completion of the required training.

The SAFE Designation system accreditation process launched on April 1, 2022 and several hospital and agency designations have been granted thus far. Application and training details are posted at www.scvan.org. For additional details please contact SCVAN's Amanda Brown, Statewide Forensic Nurse Examiner Program Coordinator or Sabrina Gast, Statewide Forensic Nurse Examiner Director.



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(SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXCELLENCE)

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