



ADVISORY AGAINST AT-HOME RAPE KITS

NCEDSV Statement on Me Too Kits

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The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) is concerned about the marketing of at-home rape kits. A company called Me Too Kit is selling and marketing “the first ever sexual assault evidence kits for at-home use”.

The company has sent marketing material to colleges and universities trying to sell their product. NCEDSV does not advise that any college or university encourage students to use this product or make it available. We strongly discourage anyone from using an at-home rape kit as a viable alternative to a forensic exam.

A forensic exam following a sexual assault requires a specially trained medical professional, often a sexual assault nurse examiner or forensic examiner. These exams offer a number of benefits to survivors beyond obtaining accurate forensic evidence; survivors receive a full medical exam, STI and pregnancy prevention options, STI treatment, treatment for medical injuries, and access to sexual assault advocates. There is no information about how these do-it-yourself kits will be admissible in court or how a proper chain of custody will be maintained. The at-home kits are not survivor-centered and place an unfair amount of responsibility on survivors, which may lead to additional traumatization.

Sexual assault advocates have denounced this at-home rape kit across the country. This kit is not endorsed by any national sexual assault experts or advocacy organizations.

In coordination with our national partners, we are taking action to stop this misleading resource from reaching its intended population. We strongly believe that the Me Too Kit will be harmful to survivors. More information can be found in statements from [The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence \(NAESV\)](#) and the [Campus Advocacy and Prevention Professionals Association \(CAPPA\)](#).