



Vermont Department of Corrections

PREA News Letter

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Contact Information

Offender Reporting Line

Press #1 English or #2 Spanish

Press #0, 88888123456789

Then dial 555-555-5555

NOTE: All calls from unit phones are recorded and may be monitored.

VT DOC Victim Services

Office or PREA Office

Vermont Department of Corrections
103 South Main Street Waterbury, VT 05671-1001

Disability Rights Vermont

141 Main St., Ste.7
Montpelier, VT 05602
Toll Free 1-800-834-7890

VT Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 405, Montpelier VT, 05832 1-802-223-1302

Umbrella

1222 Main St, #301
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Hotline: (802)748-8645
93 East Main St., Suite 1,
Newport, VT 05855
Hotline: (802)334-0148

H.O.P.E. Works

P.O. Box 92, Burlington, VT 05402 Hotline: (802)863-1236

Voices Against Violence

P.O. Box 72, St. Albans, VT 05478 Hotline: (802)524-6575

Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter

P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05701 Hotline: (802)775-3232

WISE

Hotline: (603) 448-5525
Toll free: 1-866-348-WISE

Statewide Sexual Violence Hotline 1-800-485-7273

Prisoner's Rights

Office of the Defender General
6 Baldwin Street., 4th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05602

The Prison Rape Elimination Act

The Vermont Department of Corrections is committed to the prevention of sexual abuse, and the promotion of safety and security for all inmates/offenders and staff.

There are strict protocols that each facility follows when responding to reports of sexual abuse/assault. This ensures the response to each incident is consistent.

All allegations are investigated thoroughly regardless of the perception of being mutual.

Whether or not an inmate chooses to file an official report of sexual abuse/assault or participate in an investigation, they have access to medical, mental health and outside confidential support services. (The outside support service agency maintains confidentiality however; communication from within the facility is subject to normal monitoring).

The facility will exercise all options to ensure inmate safety. If segregation is utilized as part of a safety plan, it will be for the least amount of time possible.

If the sexual assault reported occurred within the past 72 to 96 hours and if this assault included a penetrating act the victim may choose to participate in a forensic exam to collect evidence.

- Forensic exams are administered by trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE).
- The victim may choose to participate in a SANE exam even if they do not name their abuser(s).
- Any evidence collected will be stored for use if the victim chooses to file an official report at a later date.

There are medications available that reduce the likelihood of acquiring sexually transmitted infections (STI's).

The facility will provide inmates with access to outside victim advocate services for support related to sexual abuse.

Inmates and staff that purposely make false reports will be held accountable through the department discipline processes and the criminal justice system.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Vermont Department of Corrections investigates all reports of sexual abuse & sexual activities.

Inmates are encouraged to report and staff members are required to report sexual abuse.

Reporting a sexual assault can be frightening.

Report the assault to someone you trust.

- ❖ If you report an incident, you may be placed in segregation until an investigator can come and talk to you (you do not have to identify the perpetrator(s))
- ❖ You may be referred to medical and/or mental health for evaluation or medications that can help if you have come in contact with sexually transmitted infections (STI's)
- ❖ If the assault happened recently – within the past 96 hrs. - You may choose to have a sexual assault examination at the hospital.
- ❖ If you choose to speak with a Victim Advocate one will be available to you

NOTE: Medical, mental health and victim advocate services are available to you with or without naming the abuser(s), whether or not you report the incident or cooperate with the investigation.

Zero tolerance. Every unit. Every day.