



Vermont Department of Corrections

PREA News Letter

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Contact Information

**Offender Reporting Line
From Unit Phone(s)**

Press #1 English or #2 Spanish

Press #0

Then dial 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

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.

Inmate-on Inmate Sexual Abuse: Includes any of the following acts, if the inmate, detainee, or resident does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implicit threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

Sexual Harassment: Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, verbal comments, gestures or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another

Sexually Abusive Contact: Intentional non-penetrative touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexually Abusive Penetration: Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight; contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus; or penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse: Includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of an inmate, detainee, or resident.

Voyeurism: An invasion of an inmate's privacy by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in their cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose their buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

Indecent Exposure: The display by a staff member of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate.

Sexually Abusive Contact: Contact between the mouth and any body part, or any touching by a staff member, either directly or through the clothing, by or of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire.

Sexually Abusive Penetration: Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight; contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus; or penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

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.