



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.

We are pleased to announce that **Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, Southeast State Correctional Facility** and **Southern State Correctional Facility** are operating in full compliance with the United States Department of Justice's Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Final Standards for Jails/Prisons. These three facilities were audited in July and August of 2014.

The four remaining facilities **Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility, Northeast Correctional Complex, Northern State Correctional Facility** and **Northwestern State Correctional Facility** will undergo audits for compliance with the PREA Final Standards for Adult Jails/Prisons beginning April 27, 2015 and ending on May 12, 2015.

Any person with information relevant to these up-coming PREA compliance audits may confidentially* correspond with the auditor via the following address:

Melinda Allen
P.O. Box 703
Braselton, GA 30517

*CONFIDENTIALITY – All correspondence and disclosures during interviews with the designated auditor are confidential and will not be disclosed unless required by law. There are exceptions when confidentiality must be legally broken. Exceptions include, but are not limited to the following:

- if the person is an immediate danger to her/himself or others (e.g. suicide or homicide);
- allegations of suspected of child abuse, neglect or maltreatment;
- in legal proceedings where information has been subpoenaed by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

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.