

## Sexual Abuse Reporting Line

The Vermont Department of Corrections is committed to your safety. An environment safe from sexual abuse and sexual harassment is an essential requirement to that safety.

*Federal PREA Standard § 115.51(b) Inmate reporting* requires a way for you to report sexual abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency, and that is able to receive and immediately forward incarcerated persons reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing you to remain anonymous upon request.

You may write to the Agency of Human Services if you believe that you or someone else is being or has been victimized. Please bring the concerns or complaints forward. Letters and calls are anonymous upon request by you. You can always report directly to staff, volunteers, use the grievance system, or even ask a loved one to report for you.

What is sexual abuse?

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| Repeated sexual advances                                | Staff exposing their genitals                                       |
| Sexual comments   | Staff taking images of you performing bodily functions              |
| Sexual gestures   | Forced indecent exposure by staff*                                  |
| Requests for sexual favors                              | Repeated obscene language or gestures by staff                      |
| Touching of breasts, buttocks, genitals, thigh, or anus | Staff watching you shower*  |
| Penetrating sexual act by incarcerated persons          | Staff watching you bathroom*  |
| Comments about body or clothing by staff                | Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts by staff |

\*NOTE: An invasion of your privacy by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties,

**Mail:**  
**External Reporting**  
AHS Central Office  
Office of the Secretary  
280 State Dr., Building E 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Waterbury, VT 05671-1000

If you choose to intentionally provide a false statement of sexual abuse against an incarcerated person or staff you may be charged criminally.

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO REPORT!**