

Criminal Statutes of Limitations Connecticut

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Sexual assault, first degree

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<p>This crime is a Class A felony if victim is under 16 and perpetrator uses force or threatens force, or if victim is under 13 and perpetrator is more than two years older than victim. Otherwise, this crime is a Class B felony.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No statute of limitations for Class A felonies; or any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [if the offense occurred after Oct. 1, 2019];2. If Class B felony, within 20 years after the offense was committed [applies for offenses committed after Oct. 1, 2019]; or3. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after victim attains age 21.
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-70.2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(a); § 54-193(b), and § 54-193a.

Aggravated sexual assault, first degree

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<p>This crime is a Class A felony if victim is under 16. Otherwise, this crime is a Class B felony.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No statute of limitations for Class A felonies; or any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [if the offense occurred after Oct. 1, 2019];2. If Class B felony, within 20 years after the offense was committed [applies for offenses committed after Oct. 1, 2019]; or3. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after the victim attains age 21.
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-70a,2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(a), § 54-193(b), and § 54-193a.

Sexual assault in the spousal or cohabiting relationship

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	This crime is a Class B felony. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prosecution must bring a case within five years after commission of the offense; or2. Any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [if the offense occurred after Oct. 1, 2019] then prosecution may commence any time; or3. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after the victim attains age 21.
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-70b.2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(b) and § 54-193a.

Aggravated sexual assault of a minor

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	This crime is a Class A felony. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No statute of limitations for Class A felonies; or any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [if the offense occurred after Oct. 1, 2019];
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-70c.2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(a).

Sexual assault, second degree

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What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<p>This crime is a Class B felony if the victim is under 16. Otherwise, this crime is a Class C felony.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prosecution must bring a case within five years after commission of the offense; or 2. Any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense may commence at any time [applies to offenses that occurred after Oct. 1, 2019]; 3. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after the victim attains age 21.
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-71. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(b) and § 54-193a.

Sexual assault, third degree

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<p>This crime is a Class C felony if victim is under 16. Otherwise, this crime is a Class D felony.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prosecution must bring a case within twenty years after commission of the offense; or 2. any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [applies to offenses that occurred after Oct. 1, 2019] 3. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after the victim attains age 21.
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-72a. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(b) and § 54-193a.

Sexual assault, third degree with a firearm

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<p>This crime is a Class B felony if victim is under 16. Otherwise, this crime is a Class C felony.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prosecution must bring a case within twenty years after commission of the offense; or 2. any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [applies if the offense occurred after Oct. 1,

	2019]; or 3. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after the victim attains age 21.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-72b. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(b) and § 54-193a.

Sexual assault, fourth degree

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	This crime is a Class D felony if victim is under 16. Otherwise, this crime is a Class A misdemeanor. 1. If a Class D felony, prosecution must bring a case within twenty years after commission of the offense; or 2. If a Class A misdemeanor, within ten year after commission of the offense; or 3. any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [applies if the offense occurred after Oct. 1, 2019]; o 4. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after the victim attains age 21.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-73a. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(b), § 54-193(c) and § 54-193a.

Incest

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	This crime is a Class D felony. 1. Prosecution must bring a case within five years after commission of the offense; or 2. any other offense involving sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault if the victim of the offense was a minor at the time of the offense [applies if the offense occurred after Oct. 1, 2019]; or 3. If victim was 18, 19 or 20 years of age then no later than 30 years after the victim attains age

	21.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-191. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193(b) and § 54-193a.

Are there any exceptions to the statute of limitations laws?

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Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conn. Gen. Stat. § 54-193b Limitation of prosecution for sexual assault offenses when DNA evidence available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the following offenses, no time limit provided that victim notified any police officer or state's attorney of the commission of the offense no later than five years after commission of the offense, and the identity of the person who allegedly committed the offense has been established through a DNA profile comparison using evidence collected at the time of the commission of the offense: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First degree sexual assault (§ 53a-70); • Aggravated first degree sexual assault (§ 53a-70a); • Sexual assault in the spousal or cohabiting relationship (§ 53a-70b); • Second degree sexual assault (§ 53a-71); • Third degree sexual assault (§ 53a-72a); and • Third degree sexual assault with a firearm (§ 53a-72b).

Anything else I should know?

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Anything else I should know?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>State v. George J.</i>, 910 A.2d 931, 941-942 (Conn. 2006) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statute of limitations begins to run upon notification by a minor victim to police or state's attorney and not upon notification to police by such minor victim's parents or legal guardians. Extended statute of limitations under § 54-193a is not limited only to offenses for which sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or sexual assault of a minor is an element of the crime. • <i>State v. Ali</i>, 660 A.2d 337, 342-344 (Conn. 1995) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance of an arrest warrant qualifies as prosecution and tolls statute of limitations only if executed without unreasonable delay and in determining whether there was unreasonable delay the fact finder may consider whether the accused eluded authorities or made himself difficult to apprehend. • <i>State v. Saraceno</i>, 545 A.2d 1116, 1124 (Conn. App. Ct. 1988)

- An original information can toll the statute of limitations for a separate and distinct offense alleged for the first time in the superseding information so long as the original information alleges approximately the same facts as the subsequent information.