

Criminal Statutes of Limitations

New Hampshire

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Aggravated felonious sexual assault

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Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citation for the crime: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 632-A:2.2. Citation for the statute of limitations: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 625:8.

Felonious sexual assault

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What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Within six years after commission of the offense; or2. If victim was under 18 at the time of commission of the offense, within 22 years of victim's eighteenth birthday.
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citation for the crime: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 632-A:3.2. Citation for the statute of limitations: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 625:8.

Sexual Assault

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What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Within one year after commission of the offense; or2. If victim was under 18 at the time of commission of the offense, within 22 years of victim's eighteenth birthday.

Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citation for the crime: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 632-A:4. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 625:8.
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Incest

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What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within six years after commission of the offense; or 2. If victim was under 18 at the time of commission of the offense, within 22 years of victim's eighteenth birthday.

Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citation for the crime: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 639:2. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 625:8.
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Indecent Exposure

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within six years after commission of the offense if a Class A or B felony; or 2. If a misdemeanor, within one year after commission of the offense.

Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citation for the crime: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 645:1. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: N.H. Rev. Stat. § 625:8.
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Are there any exceptions to the statute of limitations laws?

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Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None specified.

Anything else I should know?

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Anything else I should know?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Actions. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 508:4-g Actions Based on Sexual Assault and Related Offenses<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A person, alleging to have been subjected to any offense under RSA 632-A, or an offense under RSA 639:2, who was under 18 years of age when the alleged offense occurred, may commence a personal action based on the incident within the later of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twelve years of the person's eighteenth birthday; or• Three years of the time the plaintiff discovers, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have discovered, the injury and its causal relationship to the act or omission complained of.• N.H. Rev. Stat. § 625:8 The period of limitations does not run:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (a) during any time when the accused is continuously absent from the state or has no reasonably ascertained place of abode or work within the state; or• (b) during any time when a prosecution is pending against the accused in the state based on the same conduct.