

# Criminal Statutes of Limitations

## Vermont

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### Sexual abuse

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The time limit is within 6 years after the commission of the offense.</li><li>2. However, the time limit is within 40 years after the commission of the offense if: (i) the vulnerable adult does not consent to the sexual activity; or (ii) the perpetrator knows or should know that the vulnerable adult is incapable of resisting, declining, or consenting to the sexual activity due to his or her specific vulnerability or due to fear of retribution or hardship.</li></ol>
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 1379.</li><li>2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.</li></ol>

### Sexual assault

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There is no time limit for this crime.</li></ol>
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 3252.</li><li>2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.</li></ol>

### Aggravated sexual assault

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There is no time limit for this crime.</li></ol>
Statutory citation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 3253.</li><li>2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.</li></ol>

## **Aggravated sexual assault of a child**

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. There is no time limit for this crime.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 3253a. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## **Sexual exploitation of a person under the supervision of the Department of Corrections**

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. The time limit is within 3 years after the commission of the offense.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 3259. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## **Sexual exploitation of a person in the custody of a law enforcement officer**

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. The time limit is within 3 years after the commission of the offense.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: VT. Stat. Ann tit. 13, § 3258 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## Sexual exploitation of a minor

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. There is no time limit for this crime if the offender abuses his or her position of power, authority, or supervision over the minor in order to engage in a sexual act; otherwise the time limit is within 40 years after the commission of the offense.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 3258. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## Lewd and lascivious conduct

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. When committed against a child 18 or under, the time limit is within 40 years after the commission of the offense; 2. Otherwise, within 6 years after the commission of the offense.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 2601. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## Lewd or lascivious conduct with child under 16

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. The time limit is within 40 years after the commission of the offense.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 2602. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## Fornication by persons prohibited to marry

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. The time limit is within 3 years after the commission of the offense.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 205. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## Human Trafficking

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. There is no time limit for this crime.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 2652. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## Aggravated human trafficking

Question	Answer
What is the statute of limitations for this crime?	1. There is no time limit for this crime.
Statutory citation(s):	1. Citation for the crime: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 2653. 2. Citation for the statute of limitations: Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4501.

## Are there any exceptions to the statute of limitations laws?

Question	Answer
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the statute of limitations in writing with the consent of the prosecution, the Court shall have jurisdiction over the offense and the proceedings shall be valid. Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.13, § 4503.</li> </ul>

## Anything else I should know?

Question	Answer
Anything else I should know?	None specified.