

**RHODE ISLAND**

<b>SEXUAL OFFENSE STATUTES</b>	<b>STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS</b>	<b>DNA EXCEPTION</b>
<p>R.I. GEN. LAWS § 11-37-2 Sexual assault, first degree Offender engages in sexual penetration with victim, and offender:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows or has reason to know that victim is mentally incapacitated, mentally disabled, or physically helpless</li> <li>• Uses force or coercion</li> <li>• Through concealment or by the element of surprise, is able to overcome victim</li> <li>• Engages in medical treatment or examination of victim for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification</li> </ul> <p>R.I. GEN. LAWS § 11-37-4 Sexual assault, second degree Offender engages in sexual contact with victim, and offender:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knows or has reason to know that victim is mentally incapacitated, mentally disabled, or physically helpless</li> <li>• Uses force or coercion</li> <li>• Engages in medical treatment or</li> </ul>	<p>R.I. GEN. LAWS § 12-12-17 Statute of limitations</p> <p>(a) No limit for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First degree sexual assault (§ 11-37-2)</li> <li>• First degree child molestation sexual assault (§ 11-37-8.1)</li> <li>• Second degree child molestation sexual assault (§ 11-37-8.3)</li> </ul> <p>(c) For any other criminal offense, within three years after commission of the offense</p>	

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<p>examination of victim for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification</p> <p>R.I. GEN. LAWS § 11-37-6 Sexual assault, third degree Offender if over 18 and engages in sexual penetration with a victim over 14 but under 16</p> <p>R.I. GEN. LAWS § 11-37-8.1 Child molestation sexual assault, first degree Offender engages in sexual penetration with a victim 14 or under</p> <p>R.I. GEN. LAWS § 11-37-8.3 Child molestation sexual assault, second degree Offender engages in sexual contact with a victim 14 or under</p>		
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