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<b>SEXUAL OFFENSE STATUTES</b>	<b>STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS</b>	<b>DNA EXCEPTION</b>
<p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 1379 Sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult Applies to sexual activity between an employee or volunteer of a caregiving facility and a vulnerable adult</p> <p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 3252 Sexual assault Sexual assault occurs when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offender engages in a sexual act with victim, and compels victim to participate in the sexual act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without the consent of victim</li> <li>• By threatening or coercing victim</li> <li>• By placing victim in fear that anyone will suffer imminent bodily injury</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Offender engages in a sexual act with victim, and substantially impairs victim's ability to appraise or control conduct by administering or employing drugs or intoxicants</li> <li>• Offender engages in a sexual act with a victim under 16, unless (i) offender is under 19, victim is at least 15, and the sexual act is consensual, or (ii) the persons are married and the sexual act is consensual</li> </ul>	<p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 4501 Limitation of prosecutions for certain felonies</p> <p>(a) No limit for aggravated sexual assault (§ 3253) and aggravated sexual assault of a child (§ 3253a)</p> <p>(b) For the following offenses, within six years after commission of the offense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual assault (§ 3252)</li> <li>• Lewd and lascivious conduct (§ 2601)</li> </ul> <p>(c) For the following offenses committed against a child 18 or under, within ten years after commission of the offense or by the time victim attains the age of 24, whichever occurs earlier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexual assault (§ 3252)</li> <li>• Lewd and lascivious conduct (§ 2601)</li> <li>• Lewd or lascivious conduct with a child (§ 2602)</li> </ul> <p>(e) For any other felony or misdemeanor listed here, within three years after commission of the offense</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offender engages in a sexual act with a victim under 18 who is entrusted to offender's care by authority of law or is offender's child, grandchild, foster child, adopted child, or step-child</li> <li>• Offender 18 or over engages in a sexual act with a victim under 16, and offender resides in victim's household and serves in a parental role with respect to victim</li> </ul> <p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 3253 Aggravated sexual assault</p> <p>Aggravated sexual assault occurs when offender commits sexual assault under any of the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offender causes serious bodily injury to victim or another</li> <li>• Offender is joined or assisted by one or more persons in physically restraining, assaulting, or sexually assaulting victim</li> <li>• Offender commits sexual act during a kidnapping</li> <li>• Offender has previously been convicted of sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault</li> <li>• Offender is armed with a deadly weapon and uses or threatens to use it on victim or on another</li> <li>• Offender threatens to cause imminent serious bodily injury to victim or to another, and victim reasonably believes that offender has the present ability to carry out the threat</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offender applies deadly force to victim</li> <li>• Victim is under 13 and offender is at least 18</li> <li>• Victim is subjected by offender to repeated nonconsensual sexual acts as part of the same occurrence</li> </ul> <p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 3253a Aggravated sexual assault of a child</p> <p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 3257 Sexual exploitation of an inmate Applies to sexual acts between a correctional employee and an inmate</p> <p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 2601 Lewd and lascivious conduct</p> <p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 2602 Lewd or lascivious conduct with child under 16</p> <p>VT. STAT. ANN. tit.13, § 205 Fornication by persons prohibited to marry</p>		
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