



VERMONT

Specific requirement to report sexual assault? No.

Requirement to report non-accidental or intentional injuries? No.

Requirement to report injuries caused by criminal conduct? No.

Additional statutes that may impact competent adult victims of sexual assault? It is mandatory to report gunshot wounds.

STATUTES ADDRESSING PAYMENT FOR EXAMINATIONS

32 V.S.A. § 1407. Costs to be borne by the state.

The state shall bear the costs of medical and psychological examinations administered to victims of crime committed in this state, in instances where that examination is requested by a law enforcement officer or a prosecuting authority of the state or any of its subdivisions. The state shall also bear the costs of medical examinations administered to victims in cases of alleged sexual assault where the victim obtains such an examination prior to receiving such a request. If, as a result of a sexual assault examination, the alleged victim has been referred for mental health counseling, the state shall bear the costs of such examination. These costs may be paid from the victims' compensation fund from funds appropriated for that purpose. The fund shall reimburse health care facilities and health care providers located in Vermont as defined in section 9402 of Title 18 at 70 percent of the billed charges for these claims, and the health care provider or facility shall not bill any balance to the crime victim. A victim, at his or her own expense, may obtain copies of the results of an examination under this section.

HISTORY: Added 1981, No. 1 (Sp. Sess.), § 13, eff. July 17, 1981; amended 1993, No. 60, § 51; 2005, No. 215 (Adj. Sess.), § 75b; 2007, No. 173 (Adj. Sess.), § 4.

REPORTING STATUTES WHICH MAY IMPACT RAPE VICTIMS

13 V.S.A. § 4012. Reporting treatment of firearm wounds.

(a) Every physician attending or treating a case of bullet wound, gunshot wound, powder burn, or any other injury arising from or caused by the discharge of a gun, pistol, or other firearm, or whenever such case is treated in a hospital, sanitarium or other institution, the manager, superintendent or other person in charge shall report such case at once to local law enforcement officials or the state police. The



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provisions of this section shall not apply to such wounds, burns or injuries received by a member of the armed forces of the United States or state of Vermont while engaged in the actual performance of duty.

(b) A person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than \$100.00.