

29.5 Sex Offense Victims

ADMINISTRATION

STANDARD 29.5 **The agency has a written directive that ensures victims of sex offenses and/or incest are afforded the proper protections in accordance with the provisions of §642, subdivision 2-a, of the Executive Law.**

Commentary: Such provisions require that victims receive appropriate care to facilitate the reporting process.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interview(s) with agency personnel to verify their knowledge and understanding of the requirements of this legislation.
3. Interview(s) with agency personnel responsible for the investigation of sex crimes to verify their knowledge of rape crisis services available in their areas.
4. Agency handouts that identify county rape crisis facilities are available for review.
5. Observation of the private setting used for the interview of sex crime victims.