

# **Parole Conditions & Violation of Parole Conditions**

**Vermont Parole Board**

# Overview of Conditions

Over the last 8 years the Vermont Parole Board through technical assistance with the Center for Effective Public Policy has reduced the number of standard parole conditions from 15 to 6.

In Vermont the Parole Board has the ability to craft the conditions of supervision. The Vermont statutes direct that the conditions be designed to protect the victim, potential victims, and the public and to reduce the risk of re-offense.

While completing the work of reducing the number of general conditions, the Board recognized that many of the standard conditions should be special conditions as they target criminogenic need/risk areas or would fit into other conditions.

Our current standard conditions must be adhered to by all individuals on parole supervision. These conditions are tailored to be the minimum that one needs to adhere to. By limiting the number of standard conditions, it allows the Board to reserve the special conditions to be tailored to the individuals risk and need areas.

# Standard Conditions

1. You shall not commit any act punishable by law, including violating any court orders.
2. You shall report (within 24 hours) any contact you have with law enforcement to your Parole Officer, or designee, and may not act as an informant for Law Enforcement.
3. You shall report to your Parole Officer, or designee, as required, and notify your supervising officer of any changes to your residence or employment.
4. You shall allow your Parole Officer, or designee, to visit you in your home or place of employment or elsewhere at any time, as necessary.
5. You shall not purchase, possess, or handle firearms and/or ammunition.
6. You shall not leave the State of Vermont without permission from your Parole Officer, or designee.

# Special Conditions

7. You shall participate in any programming, screening, and/or counseling as required by your Parole Officer or the Parole Board, allowing the provider to disclose information about your participation and attendance.

8. You shall not purchase, possess, or consume alcohol while on Parole, and must submit to an alcohol test when requested.

9. You shall not purchase, possess, or consume illegal drugs and/or regulated drugs without a prescription, including misusing prescription drugs, and submit to a drug test if requested.

10. You shall abide by a curfew if your Parole Officer or the Parole Board has cause to put you on one.

11. You shall not associate with anyone identified by your Parole Officer or the Parole Board has determined is, or may potentially be, a risk to you.

# Special Conditions Continued

12. You shall pay court ordered restitution to the Vermont Restitution Unit in a plan agreed upon with their office and to the satisfaction of your Parole Officer.

13. You shall permit the use of electronic monitoring as directed by your Parole Officer, and/or the Parole Board, and abide by any DOC rules with regard to the use of any electronic monitoring devices.

14. You shall abide by any conditions specific to Domestic Violence Offenders.

15. You shall abide by any conditions specific to Sex Offenders.

16. You shall work and reside only where approved by your Parole Officer, and you shall not establish or change residence or work without prior approval of your Parole Officer.

17. You shall be restricted in traveling to the following specific area(s): Click to enter text.

18. Additional Conditions: Click to enter text.

# Domestic Violence Conditions

14a. You shall not have any contact with your victim(s) through any means (letters, phone, tapes, videos, visits, communication through electronic media, and any type of social media, or third-party contact), unless approved in advance and in writing, by your supervising Parole Officer, or designee. This includes: \_\_\_\_\_

14b. You shall attend, participate in, and complete a Department of Corrections recognized program for intimate partner violence risk at your own expense and to the full satisfaction of your Parole Officer or designee.

14c. You shall abide by any Temporary/Final Relief from abuse orders, and any other Family Court order restricting or regulating contact with any past or present family member or intimate partner.

# Sex Offender Conditions

15A. You shall not have any contact with your victim(s) through any means (letters, phone, tapes, videos, visits, communication through electronic media, and any type of social media, or third-party contact), unless approved in advance and in writing, by your supervising Parole Officer, or designee. This includes: \_\_\_\_\_

15B. You shall successfully enroll in, participate in, and complete a treatment program for individuals who have exhibited sexually harmful behavior as directed by your supervising Parole Officer, or designee, as approved by the Department of Corrections.

15C. You shall authorize release for your sex offender treatment and any other treatment provider(s) to have unrestricted communications with your Parole Officer or designee, and the Parole Board about your participation in sex offender and any other required treatment, including but not limited to your attendance, level of participation, and information that relates to evaluating whether you have successfully participated in and completed treatment, or in the interest of public safety.

15D. You shall not purchase, possess, or use pornography, or erotica, or go to adult bookstores, sex shops, topless bars, etc., unless approved in advance by your Parole Officer, or designee.

# Sex Offender Conditions Continued

15E. You shall not access, or loiter in, places where children congregate (e.g., parks, playgrounds, schools) unless otherwise approved in advance by your parole officer, or designee.

15F. You shall not allow any  male or  female or  male and female passengers to ride in your vehicle, unless otherwise approved in advance by your Parole Officer, or designee.

15G. You shall not own, possess, or use a camera, recorder, cell phone, or other electronic devices that have recording and/or internet capabilities, without prior permission of your Parole Officer, or designee.

15H. You shall give your Parole Officer or designee, search, and seizure privileges to search your persons and/or property without a warrant and confiscate pornography, erotica, digital media, computer, cellular telephone, iPad, electronic notebook, Smart TV, Smart Watch, etc. or any other item which may constitute a violation of your conditions.

15I. You shall submit to, and pay for, periodic polygraph examinations at the direction of your supervising officer, or designee. These polygraph examinations will be used to determine your compliance with supervision and treatment requirements.

# Sex Offender Conditions Continued

15J. You shall surrender any digital or electronic devices, media, or computers to your Parole Officer or designee, for forensic examination, as directed by your Parole Officer, or designee. If so directed, you shall allow your Parole Officer, or designee, to monitor your use of these devices and the internet. You shall assume all expenses for monitoring and abide by any computer and internet use contracts if so, directed by your Parole Officer, or designee.

15K. You shall not initiate or maintain contact with  male or  female or  male and female persons under the age of  16 or  18 unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by your Parole Officer, or designee. Said contact may require the accompaniment of a responsible adult and approval by your Parole Officer, or designee. Contact includes any communications through electronic media encompassing, but not limited to, email, internet contact, texting, tweeting, and communications via social media.

15L. You shall not work or volunteer for any business or organization that provides services to persons under the age of  16 or  18 unless otherwise approved in advance by your Parole Officer, or designee.

15M. You shall not work or volunteer for any business or organization that provides services to vulnerable adults unless otherwise approved in advance by your Parole Officer, or designee.

# Sex Offender Conditions Continued

15N. You shall inform any persons identified by your Parole Officer, or designee of your conviction(s) and conditions of supervision, and you will inform your Parole Officer, or designee of any individuals with whom you have a significant relationship or close affiliation. Your Parole Officer, or designee, shall determine who shall be informed of your offending history and conditions of supervision.

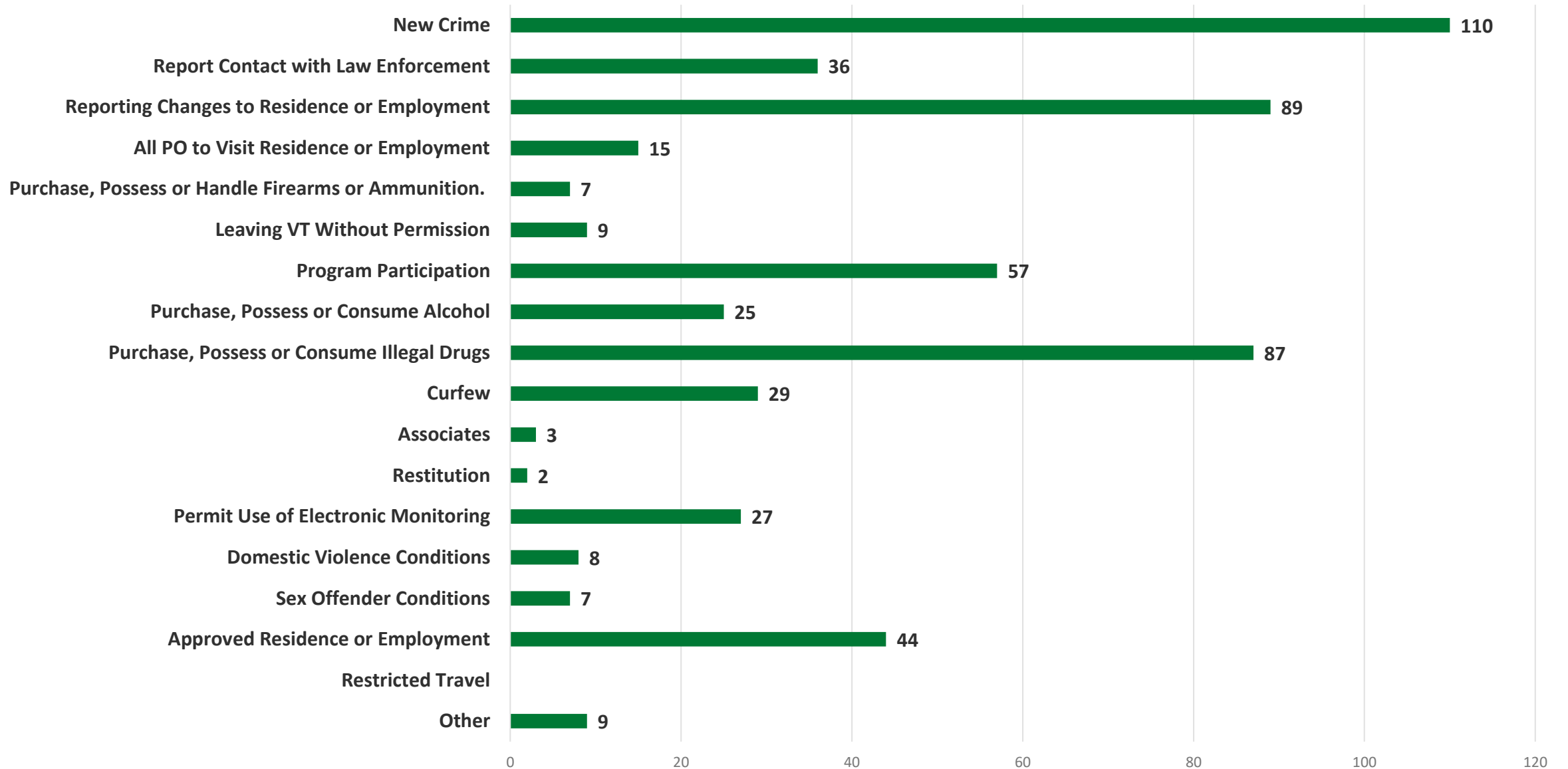
15O. You shall not participate in friendships or relationships with individuals who have children, unless otherwise approved in advance by your Parole Officer, or designee.

15P. You shall not reside where children reside or within 300 feet of where children congregate (e.g., parks, playgrounds, schools) unless otherwise approved in advance by your Parole Officer, or designee.

15Q. You shall not reside where vulnerable adults reside or where vulnerable adults congregate (e.g., nursing homes, assisted housing, etc.) unless otherwise approved in advance by your Parole Officer, or designee.

15R. You shall not engage in employment or volunteering unless it has been pre-approved by your Parole Officer, or designee.

## Conditions Violated at Parole Violation Hearings



# Alleged Crimes Committed

At times individuals come before the Board with a violation of standard condition 1 prior to the alleged criminal charges being adjudicated. Below is a list of criminal charges that parolees were alleged to have committed when coming before the Board. This list is not reflective to the criminal court process in terms of charges that were dismissed, modified or the sentencing.

- Attempted Murder
- Aggravated Assault
- Assault & Robbery with a Weapon
- Domestic Violence Offenses
- Aggravated Sexual Assault with a Child
- Lewd & Lascivious Conduct with Child
- Assault & Robbery
- Drug Crimes – Possession, Selling
- Bank Robbery
- Burglary, Grand Larceny
- Possession of Firearms as a Felon
- Criminal Threatening
- Home Improvement Fraud
- Receiving Stolen Property
- Retail Theft
- Simple Assault
- Disorderly Conduct to include Aggravated
- Unlawful Trespass
- Larceny from a Person
- False Pretense
- DUI & DUI – Drug
- Vehicle Offenses – Gross Negligent Operation, Driving With License Suspended
- False Alarm

# Hurdles to Success

- Substance Use
- Housing
- Access to Treatment
  - Substance Use
  - Mental Health