



## How to Navigate the Criminal Justice System

## **Rights of crime victims with disabilities**

If you are a crime victim with disabilities, you have the right to reasonable accommodations for your disabilities so you can effectively participate in the criminal justice process. This booklet will help you identify those rights and prepare you to participate in the criminal justice system.

## **Who is a crime victim?**

A person who has been physically, emotionally or financially injured as a result of a crime or attempted crime.

### **Who is the defendant?**

A criminal defendant is a person being charged with a crime by a state or federal prosecutor.

### **Who is a prosecutor?**

A prosecutor is an attorney who represents the state or federal government in a criminal case.

### **Who is the criminal defense attorney?**

A criminal defense attorney is a lawyer who specializes in defending the rights of individuals charged with committing a crime. Some defense attorneys are called public defenders and represent people accused of crimes who

cannot afford to hire a private defense attorney.

### **What is the legal definition of disability?**

In order to have the right to reasonable accommodations, a person must have a "disability" as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). That means the person must have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

### **What is the Americans with Disability Act (ADA)?**

The ADA of 1990 is a federal law that gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities similar to those provided to

individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion.

The ADA provides these civil rights protections to any person whose physical or mental disability significantly limits his or her major life activities. A major life activity is a function that most people can do with little or no difficulty such as seeing, hearing, speaking, walking, learning, thinking, and caring for oneself. The Courts look to see how a specific person's impairments impact their life, not what diagnosis is given to the person.

This law protects individuals with disabilities from being discriminated against by individuals, organizations, government, or other entities

that serve the general public. These entities include courts, state services, businesses, schools, and more. The law states that they must make their services and programs accessible for individuals with disabilities.

The ADA also protects a victim with a disability to be able to use their specially trained service dogs (or miniature horses) when accessing victim's services. There is a different requirement under housing law that protects a victim with disabilities' right to have a support animal, not specially trained but still medically necessary, in housing, including some long-term shelter programs. For further information about service animals and support animals please refer to the VT Human Rights

Commission's website at:

<http://hrc.vermont.gov/>

### **What is the Fair Housing Public Accommodations Act (FHPAA)?**

The FHPAA is Vermont's version of the ADA and has similar protections.

For further information about VFHPAA please refer to the statutes at:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=09&Chapter=139>

### **What is a reasonable accommodation?**

Under both the ADA and the FHPAA, a reasonable

accommodation is a change to the way things are done that allows a person with a disability to benefit from a program or service in the same way as his or her peers without disabilities.

**Reasonable accommodations can include but are not limited to:**

- Providing or modifying equipment needed to allow equal access and participation, i.e. access ramp, amplification equipment, automatic interpreter software
- Making facilities accessible i.e. wheelchair ramp or elevator
- Providing readers or interpreters to allow for

## effective communications

- Providing a Communication Support Specialist to allow for effective communication
- Verbally informing victims of court hearing dates or using a third party to convey that information to the victim
- Allowing extra time for meetings, depositions, testifying
- Providing breaks during meetings, depositions, testifying
- Providing flexible schedules and meeting locations for victims
- Providing large print material

- Providing support or technical assistance when applying for victim compensation and other crime victim services
- Limiting a Defendant's right to question a crime victim with disabilities

**How can crime victims with disabilities request reasonable accommodations when participating in the criminal process?**

There are no magic words needed to request a reasonable accommodation. You need to let people in the criminal justice system know you have a disability and suggest reasonable accommodations to overcome any barriers. Although there might not always

be agreement about the suggested accommodation, both parties should work together to find a workable accommodation. You may have to provide proof from a medical provider that you do have a disability and that the accommodation you request will help you overcome any disability-based barriers.

**What happens if a request for a reasonable accommodation is denied?**

If your request for a reasonable accommodation for your disability is refused by an entity, you can contact Disability Rights Vermont (DRVT), the Vermont Human Rights Commission, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services, or the Federal

Department of Justice to lodge a complaint.

### **What is protected health information (PHI)?**

PHI is any information about your medical care or conditions held by a treatment provider. According to the 1996 law called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), your PHI should be kept private and protected unless you give written consent to have your PHI shared with others.

### **What is the Vermont Patient Bill of Rights (VPBR)?**

The VPBR is a state law that provides patients in hospitals rights that protect their health and safety while under the hospital's care, including

protecting access to a patient's PHI.

Both HIPAA and VPBR provide important protections to you as a crime victim with disabilities, as they limit the ability of the defendant to access your medical records when trying to defend against the criminal charge. In order to gain access to your medical records, a defendant must convince the Judge that there is information in the medical records that is important to the defense. The Court can deny or limit the request to access those records.

### **What kind of support is available?**

Often after you report an alleged crime to the police, it takes time

for the police to investigate the allegations and for the prosecutor to file charges. During this time support is available. For instance, you can contact Vermont's Adult Protective Services (APS) at (1-800-564-1612). APS is required to investigate all allegations of abuse or neglect of vulnerable adults and provide protective services to keep the person safe while the investigation is ongoing. A vulnerable adult is someone whose disability makes them unable to protect or care for themselves.

If you believe you have been seriously physically or emotionally injured, neglected or exploited by the defendant, as a vulnerable adult, you can request a Title 33 Relief From Abuse Order (RFAO) in Family

Court in the county you live in. To get a Title 33 RFAO you will need to tell the Court why you think you meet the definition of a vulnerable adult, why you believe you have been physically or emotionally abused, or neglected by the defendant, and why you fear future abuse.

You can request the Court to order the defendant not to contact you so you can feel safe.

If you believe you are a victim of domestic abuse or stalking there are also other types of Protection Orders you can request through Family and Probate Court. Those types of Protective Orders require you to prove other elements but do allow the Court to issue orders similar to a Title 33 RFAO. For further questions or information

please call DRVT, Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the police, or the other agencies listed in the resource section of this booklet.

For further information regarding protection orders please refer to the statutes:

- Title 12: Court Procedure  
*Chapter 178: ORDERS AGAINST STALKING OR SEXUAL ASSAULT*  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullchapter.cfm?Title=12&Chapter=178>
- Title 33: Human Services  
*Chapter 69: REPORTS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS*

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=33&Chapter=069>

- Title 15: Domestic Relations *Chapter 21: ABUSE PREVENTION*  
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=15&Chapter=021>

### **What are the stages of criminal proceedings?**

- The criminal proceedings start when the defendant is arrested or given a citation to appear in Court by the police.
- The prosecutor files a formal charge in Court if there is sufficient evidence to prove the case. If this occurs, a victim advocate will be assigned to the case

and you will begin to receive notifications and support.

- The defendant appears in Court for a hearing called an "arraignment" and enters either a guilty or not guilty plea. If not guilty, the Court may set conditions of release which will most likely include no contact with you as the crime victim. Sometimes the Court will require the defendant to post bail money in order to assure they return for future court dates. In some cases the Court can hold the defendant without bail to protect the public or you as the victim.
- After the arraignment there are "status conferences."

The prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys tell the Court when they will be ready for trial and what has to happen before trial, such as obtaining more evidence (called Discovery), filing motions and making legal arguments about the case.

- Depositions are statements from witnesses, including yours as the crime victim. Depositions are taken under oath and recorded for use at the trial. Depositions are only used in state court cases.
- If there is no plea agreement, the case goes to trial.
- A trial is held and the defendant is convicted if

either a jury or a judge agrees that the prosecutor proved the government's case beyond a reasonable doubt.

- After trial, there is a sentencing hearing. The Court listens to the prosecutor, the defendant, and you as the crime victim, before the Court decides what sentence it will impose. This is your opportunity to tell the Court how you were hurt by the crime and how you would like the offender to be sentenced.
- As the crime victim you have the right to continue to receive information about the defendant's status. If you have any questions about the

conditions you can contact the State's Attorney's Victim Advocate, the Department of Corrections Victim Assistance Program for state cases and the U.S. Attorney's victim advocate for federal cases. Their phone numbers are listed in the resource section of this booklet.

**When does a crime victim have to appear in connection with the Defendant's criminal charge?**

As the crime victim:

- You have the right to be informed of every hearing in connection with the case.
- You can decide whether or not to attend.

- You are only required to appear in Court or at a deposition if you receive a subpoena.
- If you are subpoenaed and you have a legitimate conflict please contact the prosecutor's office and they will work with you to accommodate your schedule, if possible.

### **What is the Defendants' right to confrontation?**

The defendant's right of confrontation comes from the United States Constitution and states that an accused has a right to see, hear, and question the witnesses against him or her at trial.

## **Can crime victims with disabilities get independent representation?**

The prosecutor represents the State or Government, not you. There may be instances when you want to hire your own attorney. For example, you may obtain free legal representation in some cases from Vermont Legal Aid's Disability Law Project or DRVT. Other entities, such as the South Royalton Law Clinic and the Vermont Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service, may also help to provide you with their own attorney for the criminal proceedings.

## **How can crime victims get financial help to cover their**

## **crime- related expenses or losses?**

If you have out- of -pocket expenses or losses as a direct result of a crime you have a right to apply for financial assistance through the Vermont Victims Compensation Program. Expenses that qualify for reimbursement include medical, dental, counseling, funeral expenses, eyeglasses, prescriptions, limited transportation and relocation assistance. Forms are available at: [www.ccvs.state.vt.us](http://www.ccvs.state.vt.us).

If you have any uninsured financial losses because of the crime, you have the right to request that the Court order restitution as a part of the defendant's sentencing. Tell the prosecutor's office about the

financial losses as soon as you know what they are.

## **Conclusion**

Crime victims with disabilities do not need to suffer in silence. If you believe you have been a victim of domestic or sexual violence, financial exploitation, or any other type of crime please call your local police or emergency services promptly. Other services are available for crime victims with disabilities including state and federal victim advocates located in the prosecutor's offices, counseling and mental health services, peer supports, legal assistance, and more. Please do not hesitate calling them for help!

If you are a crime victim with disabilities who is involved in the criminal process you have equal rights to participate in the process. If you need help applying the laws to carry out your rights you may also contact DRVT or any agency listed in this booklet.

## **RESOURCES**

For further descriptions for these agencies please contact Disability Rights Vermont, or 211 for assistance, or find them on the internet.

### **Adult Protective Services**

103 South Main Street –  
Ladd Hall  
Waterbury, VT 05671-2306  
800-564-1612 Toll Free  
802-871-3317 TEL  
802-871-3318 FAX

**Disability Rights Vermont**

141 Main Street, Suite 7

Montpelier, VT 05602

800-834-7890 Toll Free

802-229-2603 TEL

802-229-1359 FAX

[www.disabilityrightsvt.org](http://www.disabilityrightsvt.org)

**Deaf Vermont Advocacy  
Services**

Keri Darling

PO Box 61

South Barre, VT 05670

802-661-4091

[keridvas@gmail.com](mailto:keridvas@gmail.com)

<http://www.dvas.org/>

**Have Justice Will Travel**

9580 Vermont Route 113

Vershire, VT 05079

877-496-8100 Toll Free TEL

802-685-7809 Business

802-685-4663 FAX

[info@havejusticewilltravel.org](mailto:info@havejusticewilltravel.org)

[www.havejusticewilltravel.org](http://www.havejusticewilltravel.org)

**South Royalton Law Clinic**

PO Box 117 Chelsea Street  
South Royalton, VT 05068  
802-763-7718 TEL

**Vermont Attorney General's  
Office**

109 State St.  
Montpelier, VT 05609  
802-828-3171 TEL  
802-828-3665 TTY

**Vermont Center for Crime  
Victim Services**

58 South Main St., Suite 1  
Waterbury, VT 05676  
800-750-1213 (Voice – VT only)  
802-241-1250 (Voice)  
800-845-4878 (TTY - VT Only)  
802-241-1258 (TTY)  
802-241-4337 FAX  
[www.ccvvs.state.vt.us](http://www.ccvvs.state.vt.us)

**Vermont Center for Crime  
Victim Services Sexual  
Assault Program**

800-750-1213 ext. 104 TEL

**Vermont Communication  
Support Project**

141 Main Street, Suite 7

Montpelier, VT 05602

888-686-8277 TEL

[csp@DisabilityRightsVT.org](mailto:csp@DisabilityRightsVT.org)

[www.disabilityrightsvt.org](http://www.disabilityrightsvt.org)

**Vermont Victims  
Compensation Program**

58 South Main St., Suite 1

Waterbury, VT 05676

1-800-750-1213 Toll Free VT

802-241-1250 TEL

800-845-4874 TTY VT Only

802-241-1258 TTY

802-241-1253 FAX

**Vermont Department for  
Children and Family Services**

Child Abuse Hotline:

800-649-5285

Economic Benefits:

800-479-6151

**Vermont Department of State  
Attorney's Victim Advocates**

State Based Advocates are  
within the VT Department of  
State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

**General Advocates**

**Addison County**

Deb James  
Mahady Courthouse  
7 Mahady Dr., Ste. 4  
Middlebury, VT 05753  
802-388-7931  
802-388-4652 (Deb direct)  
802-388-4653 (FAX)  
deb.james@state.vt.us

**Bennington County**

Catie (Catherine) Burke  
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Ste 10  
Bennington, VT 05201  
802-442-8116  
802-447-6905 (Catie direct)

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802-447-2775 (main FAX)  
catherine.burke@state.vt.us  
tammy.loveland@state.vt.us

### **Caledonia County**

Susan Carr  
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1153 Main St., Suite 4  
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susan.carr@state.vt.us  
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### **Chittenden County**

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802-652-2069 (Kathyria direct)  
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802-951-5155 (Nietra direct)

802-863-7440 (FAX for all)  
kathyria.ferrer@state.vt.us  
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**Essex County**

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9-5, Weds 9-1)  
Becky Curtis  
PO Box 226  
Orleans, VT 05860  
802-723-3010  
802-754-2881 (FAX)  
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**Franklin County**

Wendy Boyce (DV, General: L-Z)  
5 Lemnah Dr.  
St. Albans, VT 05478  
802-524-7920  
802-527-5482 (Wendy direct)  
802-527-4035 (court)  
802-524-7964 (FAX)  
[wendy.boyce@state.vt.us](mailto:wendy.boyce@state.vt.us)

**Grand Isle**

Samantha Allen (part-time)  
PO Box 204  
North Hero, VT 05474  
802-372-5422  
802-372-3518 (direct)  
802-372-5704 (FAX)  
samantha.allen@state.vt.us

**Lamoille County**

Siri Rooney – job-share w/  
Colleen Twomey  
PO Box 38  
Hyde Park, VT 05655  
802-888-7945  
802-888-1302 (Siri)  
802-888-0508 (Colleen)  
802-888-2547 (FAX)  
siri.rooney@state.vt.us  
[ctwomey@clarina.org](mailto:ctwomey@clarina.org)

**Orange County**

Ann Lepine  
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Chelsea, VT 05038  
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ann.lepine@state.vt.us

**Orleans County**

Ann Vining  
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217 Main St.  
Newport, VT 05855  
802-334-2037  
802-334-4322 (Ann direct)  
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802-334-3319 (FAX)  
ann.vining@state.vt.us  
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**Rutland County**

Cheryl Patch (full-time)  
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cheryl.patch@state.vt.us  
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### **Washington County**

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## **Windsor County**

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## **Specialized Advocates**

### **CUSI**

Armina Medic  
50 Cherry St., Suite 102  
Burlington, VT 05401  
802-652-6800 (CUSI)  
802-652-4167 (FAX)  
armina.medic@state.vt.us

### **NUSI**

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**Windham Cty DV Unit**

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**Statewide Advocates**

**Attorney General's Office**

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Montpelier, VT 05609  
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afarr@atg.state.vt.us

**U.S. Attorney's Office**

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802-951-6540 (FAX)  
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**VT Dept. of Corrections  
Victims Services**

103 South Main Street  
Waterbury, VT 05671-1001  
1-888-810-1847  
docvictimservices@state.vt.us

**P.J. Advocates**

**Burlington CJC - PJ**

Rain Banbury  
179 S. Winooski Ave., Ste. 2  
Burlington, VT 05401-4594  
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802-865-7117 (fax)  
rbanbury@ci.burlington.vt.us

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Burlington, VT 05401  
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**Winooski Police Dept.**

27 West Allen St.  
Winooski, VT 05404  
802-655-0221  
802-655-6427 (fax)

**VT State Police - Derby  
Barracks**

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**Vermont Human Rights  
Commission**

14-16 Baldwin Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-6301  
800-416-2010 TEL  
802-828-2481 FAX  
877-294-9200 TTY  
[human.rights@state.vt.us](mailto:human.rights@state.vt.us)

**Vermont Human Trafficking  
Hotline**

888-984-8626

**Vermont Automated  
Notification Service**

866-976-8267 (VANS) or  
888-810-1847

**Vermont Legal Aid**

800-889-2047 (Call for your  
local agency)

**Vermont Network Against  
Domestic and Sexual  
Violence**

PO Box 405

Montpelier, VT 05601

802-223-1302 TEL

802-223-6943 FAX

[vtnetwork@vtnetwork.org](mailto:vtnetwork@vtnetwork.org)

**Domestic Violence 24-Hr**

**Hotline:** 800-228-7395

**Sexual Violence 24-Hr**

**Hotline:** 800-489-7273

\*Program with shelter

**Addison County & the Town  
of Rochester**

**WomenSafe**

PO Box 67

Middlebury, VT 05753

Hotline: 802-388-4205 or

toll-free 1-800-388-4205

Office: 802-388-9180

FAX: 802-388-3438

info@womensafe.net

www.womensafe.net

**Bennington County**

**PAVE \***

PO Box 227

Bennington, VT 05201

Hotline: 802-442-2111

Office: 802-442-2370

FAX: 802-442-6162

pave@pavebennington.com

**Caledonia, Orleans, & Essex  
Counties**

**The Advocacy Program at  
Umbrella\***

1222 Main Street #301  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
Hotline: 802-748-8645  
Office: 802-748-8645  
FAX: 802-748-1405

93 East Main Street, Suite #1,  
Newport, VT 05855  
Office & Hotline: 802-334-0148  
FAX: 802-334-0148  
advocate@umbrellanek.org  
www.umbrellanek.org

**Caledonia, Washington, &  
Orleans Counties (of  
Hardwick area)**

**AWARE, Inc.**

PO Box 307  
Hardwick, VT 05843  
Hotline & Office: 802-472-6463  
FAX: 802-472-3504  
aware@vtlink.net

**Chittenden County**

**H.O.P.E. Works**

PO Box 92

Burlington, VT 05402

Hotline: 802.863.1236

Office: 802-864-0555

FAX: 802-863-8449

hopeworks@hopeworksvt.org

www.hopeworksvt.org

**Women Helping Battered  
Women\***

PO Box 1535

Burlington, VT 05402

Hotline: 802-658-1996

Office: 802-658-3131

FAX: 802-658-3832

whbw@whbw.org

www.whbw.org

**Franklin & Grand Isle**

**Counties**

**Voices Against Violence\***

PO Box 72

St. Albans, VT 05478

Hotline: 802-524-6575

Office: 802-524-8538

FAX: 802-524-8539

voices@cvoeo.org

www.voicesagainstviolence.org

**Lamoille County**

**Clarina Howard Nichols**

**Center\***

PO Box 517

Morrisville, VT 05661

Hotline: 802-888-5256

Office: 802-888-2584

FAX: 802-888-2570

chnc@clarina.org

www.clarina.org

**Orange County & Northern  
Windsor County**

**Safeline**

PO Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038

Hotline: 1-800-639-7233

Office: 802-685-7900

FAX: 802-685-7902

safelineinfo@safelinevt.org

www.safelinevt.org

**Rutland County**

**Rutland County Women's  
Network and Shelter\***

PO Box 313

Rutland, VT 05701

Hotline: 802-775-3232

Office: 802-775-6788

FAX: 802-747-0470

info@rcwn.org

www.rcwn.org

**Washington County**

**Circle\***

PO Box 652, Barre, VT 05641

Hotline: 1-877-543-9498

Office: 802-476-6010

FAX: 802-479-9310 Shelter

FAX: 802-476-4746

vtbwss@sover.net

**Sexual Assault Crisis Team\***

4 Cottage Street

Barre, VT 05641

H: 802-479-5577

O: 802-476-1388

FAX: 802-476-1381

sactwc@aol.com

**Windham County & Southern**

**Windsor County**

**Women's Freedom Center\***

PO Box 933

Brattleboro, VT 05302

Hotline: 802-254-6954 or

1-800-773-0689

Office: 802-257-7364

FAX: 802-257-1683

advocates@

womensfreedomcenter.net

**Central Windsor County &  
Towns of Thetford & Fairlee  
WISE\***

38 Bank Street  
Lebanon, NH 03766  
24-Hour Crisis Line:  
603-448-5525 or  
Toll Free 1-866-348-WISE  
Office: 603-448-5922  
FAX: 603-448-2799  
peggy.oneil@  
wiseoftheuppervalley.org  
[www.wiseoftheuppervalley.org](http://www.wiseoftheuppervalley.org)

**OTHER SERVICES**

**SafeSpace – LGBTQ  
Community**

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1-866-869-7341

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Green Mountain Self Advocates  
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