

## Definitions & Acronyms

AGE	Advanced Group Environment (AGE) – The least restrictive dorm within the TCCC which houses the highest level Tier 4 SVP Clients.
Behavioral Abnormality (BA)	A congenital or acquired condition that, by affecting a person’s emotion or volitional capacity, predisposes the person to commit a sexually violent offense to the extent that a person becomes a menace to the health and safety of another person. See Texas Health & Safety Code 841.002(2).
Biennial Examination	A clinical examination performed once every two years on a schedule set by the court of commitment. The purpose of the examination is to determine whether a client’s behavioral abnormality has changed to the extent that the client is no longer likely to engage in a predatory act of sexual violence. The biennial examination report is submitted to the sexually violent predator’s court of commitment by TCCO with a progress report from the SVP’s treatment provider and case manager.
Civil Commitment Manager (CCM)	The case managers’ supervisor.
Civil Commitment Proceeding	A civil commitment proceeding, as defined by Section 841.002(3-a) of the Texas Health and Safety Code, means a trial or hearing conducted under Subchapters D, F, or G of Chapter 841. Subchapter D concerns civil commitment trials, Subchapter F concerns biennial reviews, and Subchapter G concerns petitions for release from commitment.
Client	A sex offender that has been civilly committed pursuant to Chapter 841 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and is subject to the supervision and treatment provided by TCCO. May also be called a SVP Client.
Clinical Examiner	An expert under contract with TCCO to perform examinations including biennial examinations, court ordered examinations, and special examinations based on testing for psychopathy, clinical interview, and other appropriate assessments and techniques to include static and dynamic risk assessments and review of previous assessments.
Case Manager (CM)	A TCCO employee whose primary responsibility is to provide supervision and case management functions to civilly committed sexually violent predators.
Court of Commitment	For SVPs committed prior to the 2015 change in statute, the 435 <sup>th</sup> District Court of Montgomery County is the SVP’s court of commitment. For SVPs committed after the 2015 change in statute, the SVP’s court of commitment is the court of conviction for the SVP’s most recent sexually violent offense.
Global Positioning Satellite (GPS)	Tracking technology that incorporates a portable tracking device (PTD) which is a GPS receiver, cellular transceiver, computer, radio frequency receiver, motion sensor, and an electronic radio frequency ankle bracelet.

<p>Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)</p>	<p>A seven-member panel made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A mental health professional from the Department of State Health Services;</li> <li>- One person from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) victim services division;</li> <li>- One person from the TDCJ sex offender rehabilitation program;</li> <li>- A licensed peace officer from the Department of Public Safety with five years' experience or the officer's designee;</li> <li>- Two people from the Texas Civil Commitment Office; and</li> <li>- A licensed sex offender treatment provider from the Council on Sex Offender Treatment.</li> </ul> <p>The MDT is required to review all offenders within the TDCJ that have been convicted of two or more sexually violent offenses, one of which they are currently serving a sentence for, and may be a repeat sexually violent offender. The review occurs 24 months prior to the offender's release date. The MDT's role is to determine whether the person is likely to commit a sexually violent offense after release and make a referral for the offender to be evaluated to determine if the offender has a behavioral abnormality.</p>
<p>Penile Plethysmograph (PPG)</p>	<p>A biometric instrument used to measure sexual arousal patterns.</p>
<p>Predatory Act</p>	<p>An act directed toward individuals, including family members, for the primary purpose of victimization. See Texas Health &amp; Safety Code 841.002(5).</p>
<p>Resident</p>	<p>A civilly committed SVP that has been assigned to a community residential facility, treatment facility, civil commitment center or other supervised housing.</p>
<p>State Counsel for Offenders (SCFO)</p>	<p>Provides representation to indigent SVPs during civil commitment proceedings.</p>
<p>Sexually Violent Offense</p>	<p>Sexually violent offenses, as defined by Section 841.002(8) of the Texas Health &amp; Safety Code, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Young Child or Children;</li> <li>- Indecency with a Child by Contact;</li> <li>- Sexual Assault;</li> <li>- Aggravated Sexual Assault;</li> <li>- Aggravated Kidnapping if the offense was committed with the intent to sexually abuse or sexually violate the victim;</li> <li>- Burglary of a Habitation with the intent to commit one of the above-listed offenses;</li> <li>- Murder based on sexually motivated conduct;</li> <li>- Capital Murder based on sexually motivated conduct;</li> <li>- An attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit one of the above-listed offenses; and</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Offenses under prior state law, the law of another state, federal law, or the Uniform Code of Military Justice that contain elements which are substantially similar to the offenses listed above.</li> </ul>
SMU	Secure Management Unit
Special Prosecutions Unit (SPU)	The Special Prosecutions Unit provides legal, technical and financial support to counties during the civil commitment process.
Sexually Violent Predator (SVP)	A sex offender that has been civilly committed pursuant to Chapter 841 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. For the purpose of Chapter 841, a person is a sexually violent predator if the person is a repeat sexually violent offender and suffers from a behavioral abnormality that makes the person likely to engage in a predatory act of sexual violence. See Texas Health & Safety Code 841.003.
TCCC	Texas Civil Commitment Center – A TCCO-contracted secured treatment facility that houses residents receiving on-site tiered sex offender treatment, supervision, and vocational training.
TCCO	Texas Civil Commitment Office – The agency responsible for the provision of supervision and treatment to civilly committed sexually violent predators. TCCO was formerly known as the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management (OVSOM) and Council on Sex Offender Treatment (CSOT).
Treatment Provider (TP)	A licensed sex offender treatment provider (LSOTP) or affiliate sex offender treatment provider (ASOTP) under contract with TCCO to provide sex offender treatment to civilly committed sexually violent predators. May also be known as a CT or Clinical Therapist.