



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Forensic Services (Minnesota Security Hospital) and the Minnesota Sex Offender Program St. Peter

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) operates two programs on the campus of the former St. Peter state hospital, 100 Freeman Drive, St. Peter, MN 56082: Forensic Services (often referred to as Minnesota Security Hospital, although it includes other programs) and the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP).

Forensic Services provides psychiatric evaluation and treatment to individuals involved with the legal system due to a crime. The Minnesota Security Hospital (MSH) is a secure treatment facility for people with serious and persistent mental illness who are civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous. Forensic Services also provides transition services for security hospital patients who are preparing for transition back to the community; competency restoration; and nursing home care for residents who are committed as mentally ill and dangerous, committed to the Minnesota Sex Offender Program or are on medical release from the Department of Corrections.

MSOP serves people who are civilly committed as sexually dangerous persons and sexual psychopathic personalities. At St. Peter, MSOP provides services for clients in the later stages of treatment and clients in the alternative treatment program who may have cognitive impairments, brain injuries or severe learning disabilities. MSOP also operates Community Preparation Services for clients who have been approved by the court to transfer outside the secure perimeter and continue treatment in a less-restrictive setting as they engage in the reintegration process.

	Forensic Services-St. Peter	MSOP-St. Peter
Civil commitment type	Primarily mentally ill and dangerous, also some mentally ill and chemical dependency commitments	Sexually dangerous persons/sexual psychopathic personalities
Department of Health license	Supervised Living Facility	Supervised Living Facility
DHS license	Rule 36	Rule 26
National accreditation	The Joint Commission – Behavioral Health	None available
Number of clients (as of 1/15)	380	252
Vulnerable adults	Yes, as part of commitment process	Not based on commitment
Per diem (fiscal year 2015)	\$434 to \$618	\$341
Number of staff (as of 1/15)	845	306
Transfer, provisional discharge and discharge authority	Special Review Board and commissioner of Human Services; if denied, client may appeal to Supreme Court Appeal Panel	Special Review Board and Supreme Court Appeal Panel

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