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VICTIMIZATION:

- If you have previously been the victim of sexual assault, you are encouraged to notify the intake officer during processing.
- You may also contact the mental health office at this facility if you wish to receive information or support for a prior assault..
- Again, please remember, all staff are mandatory reporters.

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PLEASE BE AWARE!!

- **Both male and female officers work at this facility, and routinely work all housing units. They will not purposely intrude on your privacy while performing bodily functions, showering, or while you are dressing. However, they are required to maintain constant vigilance in all areas of the institution. Therefore, you should be aware that officers of an opposite gender may unexpectedly appear in your area, and cover yourself at all times.**



RESOURCES

- ContactLifeline (Provides crisis support.)
 - 302-761-9100
 - 800-262-9800
 - P.O.Box 9525
Wilmington, DE 19809
- Survivors of Abuse in Recovery (S.O.A.R.)
 - 302-655-9049 New Castle
 - 302-422-3811 Kent
 - 302-645-4903 Sussex
- National Rape Crisis Hotline
 - 800-656-4673

**Please be aware that, although the above resources are being provided for your use, the Delaware DOC does not guarantee confidentiality of communications to these outside parties.*



State of Delaware
Department of Correction
"Our Top Priority Is To Ensure Public Safety"

**PRISON RAPE
ELIMINATION
ACT (PREA)**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual assaults within all U.S. penal facilities

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The purpose of PREA is to establish Zero-Tolerance for sexual abuse by improving:

- **Education (about sexual abuse)**
- **Prevention**
- **Detection**
- **Reporting**
- **Investigation**
- **Victim Services**

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POLICY:

- It is the policy of the Department of Correction that all employees are responsible for the prevention, detection and reporting of prison rape and sexual activity. An employee who fails to report offender on offender sexual abuse or staff sexual misconduct/harassment is subject to discipline.

DEFINITIONS:

- Offender-on-Offender Sexual Abuse—Encompasses all incidents of sexually abusive contact and sexually abusive penetration between offenders.
- Staff-on-Offender Sexual Abuse—Encompasses all occurrences of staff-on-offender sexually abusive contact, staff-on-offender sexually abusive penetration, staff-on-offender indecent exposure, and staff-on-offender voyeurism. Staff solicitations of offenders to engage in sexual contact or penetration constitute attempted staff-on-offender sexual abuse.

Additional definitions can be found online at: <http://www.doc.delaware.gov/> by selecting the Policy Manual, and going to DOC Policy 8.60.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

- Sharing information regarding a sexual abuse incident is limited to those staff essential for the treatment, investigation, decision making, and prosecution of a case.
- Staff will refrain from talking openly about sexual abuse incidents.



DUTY TO PROTECT AGAINST RETALIATION:

- All efforts will be made by DOC staff to protect victims of sexual abuse from retaliation. Victims, or those that have made third-party reports for victims of sexual abuse, may bring instances of retaliation to the attention of any DOC line staff member, administrator, vendor, or volunteer.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM:

- You should report the sexual abuse to any staff member you feel comfortable talking to. All DOC staff are mandatory reporters. They are required to bring your allegation forward for investigation.
- You should report sexual abuse as soon after it happens as possible.
- In most cases, you will be examined by medically trained personnel.
- Crisis counseling and support services will be offered.
- Regular follow-ups with trained counselors will be provided.

FALSE ALLEGATIONS:

- All false allegations of sexual abuse will be referred to the Attorney General's office for prosecution. Internal disciplinary sanctions will also be used.

TIPS TO AVOID ABUSE:

- Choose your associates wisely.
- Be careful about how close you become with people who may not have your best interests at stake.
- Do not become involved with prison contraband.
- Do not associate yourself with any offender group, unless it is within a program promoted by the DOC administration.
- Be direct and firm when interacting with other offenders.
- Do not use any banned substance, nor abuse any substance you may be prescribed.
- Do not lend or borrow items with other offenders.
- Do not accept an offer of protection from another offender.
- Do not accept gifts from other offenders.
- Be alert to other offenders who seek to spend too much time with you, or who become overly concerned with your personal issues.
- Control your emotions. Do your best to not show fear, anxiety, or anger to other inmates.
- Identify a staff member you trust to confide in.
- Find a way to be cooperative with staff which does not appear to antagonize other offenders.
- Stay in areas of the institution to which you are assigned.
- Follow all facility rules and regulations.

