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

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

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