

How can I Report a Sexual Assault ?

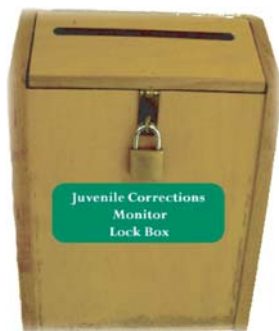
REMEMBER: You are the victim.
IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT !

FIRST: go to the nearest DOC Staff member that you trust. They are trained to help you take the appropriate steps after the incident.

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If, for any reason, you are not comfortable reporting the incident to staff, you may drop a note in the Juvenile Corrections Monitor Box. Note: these boxes are not checked every day.

Your message will be secure and there will be no retaliation.

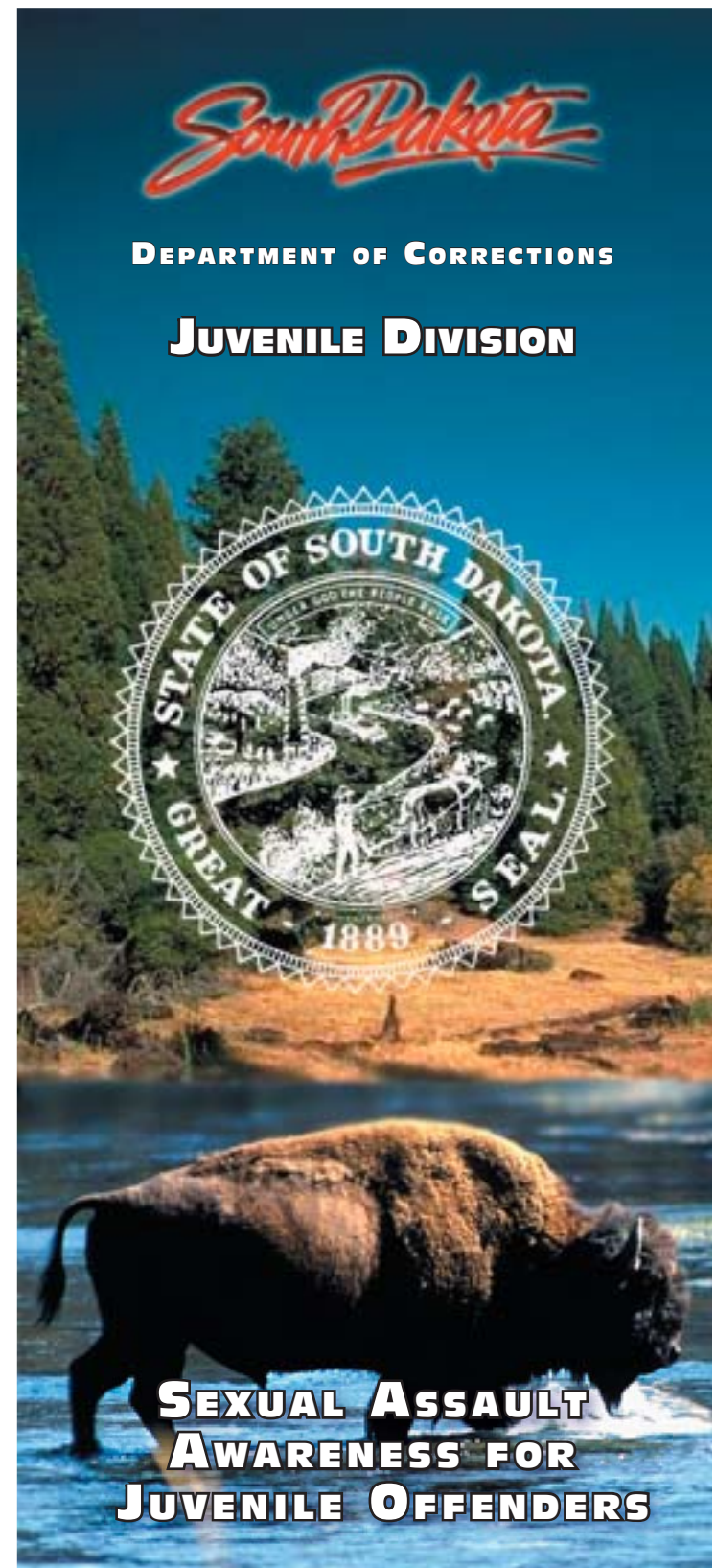


HOWEVER, reporting a sexual assault is a serious allegation and will be treated as such. False reporting will have consequences.

What happens after I report a Sexual Assault ?

- You will be immediately separated from any alleged attackers. This does NOT mean that you will be put in confinement -- just segregated.
- DOC Staff will arrange to get you to the nearest medical facility for an immediate physical examination to check for injury or infection.
- Confidentiality will be maintained.
- The S.D. Division of Criminal Investigation will take control of any evidence and begin a thorough review of the incident.
- Once the medical examination is complete, you will also be referred to a Mental Health professional for assessment, counseling, and treatment.

This brochure is being provided in willing fulfillment of our obligations under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 and S.D. Department of Corrections policies concerning the protection of juvenile offenders.



What is Sexual Assault ?

Sexual assault can be described as any of the following: intimate knowledge, oral sodomy, sexual assault with an object, or intentional sexual fondling of a person, forcibly or against that person's will.

Sexual assault includes incidents where a person is unable to give consent because of his or her youth, or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Additionally, when a sexual assault is threatened or accomplished through fear or threat of bodily harm, that is considered a sexual assault or rape.

Sexual Assault is a crime of violence, power and control; NOT passion or sexual desire. The offender uses sex as a weapon to assault the body, the mind, the psyche and the spirit.

The Juvenile Division of the South Dakota Dept. of Corrections has a

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policy with regard to this type of activity concerning youth that are officially in our care.

What can I do to avoid Sexual Assault ?

Sexual assault is an issue that can affect persons of any gender, age, race, or ethnic group. To prevent this from ever happening, you must always remain aware of your surroundings and the situation.

- Trust your instincts. If a situation feels wrong, leave the area and get help.
- Don't worry about being polite. Yell "HELP", "NO" or "STOP IT". Keeping yourself safe is the first priority.
- Look confident and strong. Many rapists choose victims they think won't or can't fight back.
- Avoid casual nudity or talking about sex. These things may be considered an invitation or an expression of interest in a sexual relationship.
- Report your suspicions. If you are being pressured for sex or if you witness such an event, tell the DOC staff immediately.

What should I do if I am Sexually Assaulted ?



1. GET TO A SAFE PLACE

REPORT THE INCIDENT

IMMEDIATELY

2. (If you wait, evidence may be lost and your ability to provide details may diminish.)

REQUEST IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION

3. (There may be injuries you are not aware of and there is a danger of sexually transmitted disease.)

4. DO NOT SHOWER, BRUSH YOUR TEETH, USE THE REST ROOM, OR CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.

(THIS MAY DESTROY CRITICAL EVIDENCE.)