

What happens after we receive a sexual abuse report?

The inmate victim will immediately be separated from any alleged abusers pending an investigation.

Health Services and Mental Health will be notified and the inmate victim will receive a physical examination and a Mental Health assessment.

If it has been determined that a crime has occurred, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation will be contacted.

The inmate victim will also have access to an outside (not associated with the DOC) victim advocate to help them through the process.

Relief from Retaliation

It is against DOC Policy and federal law for an inmate to be retaliated against for reporting an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Remember that sexual abuse and sexual harassment will not be tolerated from any source.

Places to get help

Call the Institution or tell a staff member. They are trained to take all allegations seriously and will respond.

Contact numbers for the institutions:

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| Jameson Prison Annex | (605) 367-5120 |
| Mike Durfee State Prison | (605) 369-2201 |
| Rapid City Correctional Center | (605) 394-5294 |
| South Dakota State Penitentiary | (605) 367-5001 |
| South Dakota Women's Prison | (605) 773-5368 |
| Yankton Minimum Unit | (605) 668-3355 |

To report an incident to an agency outside of the DOC or for additional information or support, contact your local Rape Crisis Centers.

They have trained Victim Advocates available.

Contact numbers for the Crisis Centers:

The Compass Center in Sioux Falls
M-F 8 am to 5 pm (605) 339-0116
After hours (605) 274-1442

Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center
in Pierre
1-800-696-7187

WAVI (Working Against Violence)
in Rapid City
(605) 341-4808 or 1-888-716-9284

Yankton Women's & Children's Center
(605)665-1448

A Family & Friends Guide

Sexual Abuse Sexual Harassment AWARENESS



**The South Dakota
Department of Corrections
has a policy of
ZERO TOLERANCE
towards all types of
Sexual Abuse &
Sexual Harassment**

SEXUAL ABUSE / SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

PREA was enacted by Congress to address sexual assault in all U.S. Institutions.

PREA was implemented to prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of all offenders within our institutions.

What is ZERO TOLERANCE?

The South Dakota Department of Corrections has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for sexual abuse / sexual harassment. This means we are committed to investigating **EVERY allegation**, getting services to **EVERY victim**, and punishing **EVERY perpetrator**. This includes involving law enforcement and prosecutors.

Are you a parent, partner or friend of an inmate who has been sexually assaulted?

Telling someone about an experience of sexual assault is a difficult decision and should be met with caring support.

Sexual violence can affect the people in the inmate's life in many ways. If an inmate victim has come to you, it means that you are trusted and you have an influence in their healing.

Inmate victims are often reluctant to tell someone because they feel humiliated, shamed or confused. Sometimes seeking help makes them feel vulnerable and weak.

Although you may not always know what to say or how to help, your supportive presence is healing.

How can you help?

- Let them express their feelings; listen without adding your opinions.
- Do not force the discussion, be there to listen.
- Believe them. Make it clear to the victim that you believe the assault happened.
- Encourage medical attention. Care is important because there may be internal injuries that are not noticeable, or the victim may have been exposed to sexually transmitted diseases. Inmates have access to Health Services and Mental Health without cost or obligation to report.
- Encourage them to report the incident to staff. We will take every report seriously and investigate all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.