

SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS: FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Prison Rape Elimination Act

PREA was enacted by Congress to address sexual abuse in all U.S. Institutions. PREA was implemented to prevent sexual assault, sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment of all offenders within our institutions.

It is the policy of the South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC) to have zero-tolerance regarding sexual assault/rape, sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment of offenders [PREA 115.11]

What is ZERO TOLERANCE?

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

Confidential Support Services: Advocacies are provided, DOC will enable reasonable communication between inmates and these organizations/agencies, in as confidential manner as possible. Due to mandatory reporting laws and informed consent, victim advocacy's and support services are not a reporting entity. Ways to report are listed throughout the brochure.

[Sexual abuse includes sexual assault/rape, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct.](#)

What is sexual assault/rape?

The act of unwanted sexual intrusion, touching, or penetration however slight, by a hand, finger, object, other instrument or contact of the anal, oral, or genital opening of another person or touching of the breast or other body part however slight, by hand, finger, object, other instrument. This also includes contact, by any person on another by force, overt or implied threat, coercion, intimidation, compulsion, inducement, or impairment of one's faculties.

What is Sexual misconduct?

A person commits this offense when they have active or passive contact, which was not coerced or forced, between the genitals, hand(s), mouth, buttocks, anus, breast, or with an object and the genitals, hand(s), mouth, buttocks, anus, or breast of another person. Contact can be with or without clothing being worn by one or both parties.

What is Sexual Harassment?

Includes any non-contact behavior or act that subjects another person to verbal or written statements or gestures of sexual or romantic nature; creating or encouraging an atmosphere of intimidations, hostility, or offensiveness as perceived by the individual who observes the sexually offensive behavior or act.

SD DOC PREA policy 1100-01 for the full definitions.

Relief From Retaliation

The DOC has zero tolerance for retaliation or acts of intimidation. Offenders, employees, contract workers, and volunteers have the right to be free from retaliation from reporting sexual abuse and for cooperating with investigations.

Strategies to Support

- Most important method is listening, do not force or lead the discussion.
- Allow them to express their feelings and emotions without including your own opinions.
- Believe what they tell you. They just want someone to have confidence that they are telling the truth about what has happened to them.
- Encourage seeking medical attention. Offenders have access to Clinical Services and Behavioral Health without cost or obligation to report. Seeking medical attention is crucial for identifying unknown injuries or diagnosing sexually transmitted diseases.
- Encourage the offender to report the incident. Every report is taken seriously and investigated for all allegations of sexual abuse.

False Reports

Reports of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred will not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation [PREA 115.54]

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Steps Taken After Receiving a Sexual Abuse Report.

- The victim will immediately be separated from any alleged abusers pending an investigation.
- Clinical Services and Behavioral Health will be notified, victim will receive necessary services.
- If determined that a crime has occurred, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation will be contacted.

Routes to Report

- Tell a DOC employee, contract worker, or volunteer.
- Call the Reporting Line at (605) 367-4496.
- Mail a letter to the PREA Coordinator at PO Box 5911, Sioux Falls, SD, 57117 OR email DOC.ADULTPREA@state.sd.us
- Give note directly to DOC employee, contract worker, or volunteer.
- Mail letter to the investigator, unit staff, or the warden.

Reporting is **FREE** and **ANONYMOUS**

Contacts:

Institution contacts followed by victim advocate contact information.

SIOUX FALLS

South Dakota State Penitentiary (605) 367-5001

Jameson Prison Annex (605) 367-5122

[The Compass Center \(605\) 339-0116](#)

PIERRE

South Dakota Women's Prison (605) 773-5368

[Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center \(605\) 224-7187](#)

RAPID CITY

Rapid City Minimum Center (605) 394-5294

[WAVI \(Working Against Violence Center\) \(605\) 341-4808](#)

YANKTON

Yankton Minimum Unit (605) 668-3355

[River City Domestic Violence Center \(605\) 665-1448](#)

SPRINGFIELD

Mike Durfee State Prison (605) 369-2201

[River City Domestic Violence Center \(605\) 665-1448](#)

Sexual Abuse

Awareness:

Family and Friends



PREA procedures.

Contacts to report an incident.

Steps to take to help your offender.

Offenders have the right to serve their sentence with dignity.