

RIGHT TO REPORT

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing sexual abuse or sexual harassment, report it as soon as you feel safe to do so. What to do if you have been sexually abused:

- Tell a staff member as soon as possible.
- Seek medical attention before you shower, eat, drink, change clothing, brush your teeth, or use the bathroom.
- Share as much information as possible when answering questions to assist with the investigation.

HOW TO REPORT

PREA Crisis Hotline:

Toll-Free 1-800-809-2344

Inside DOC:

CIPS number 1-877-DOC-TIPS-0 (362-8477-0)

Outside DOC:

Toll-Free 1-877-DOC-TIPS (362-8477)

Call the PREA Reporting line at CIPS #06 or outside DOC 1-855-855-0611 (toll-free).

THIRD-PARTY REPORTING

How to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an inmate.

Report by U.S. mail:

Attn: PREA Administrator
1250 Academy Park Loop
Colorado Springs, CO, 80910

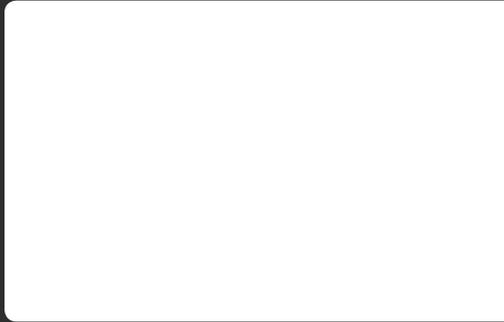
Report by telephone:

PREA Reporting line at 1-855-855-0611
Toll-free TIPS line at 877-DOC-TIPS (877-362-8477)

Report by email:

doc_prea_program@state.co.us

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT,
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CENTER:



FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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PRISON RAPE
ELIMINATION ACT

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Zero-tolerance

CDOC has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. What does this mean for you? It means you have the right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment by anyone in the facility including an inmate, staff member, or volunteer. No one has the right to sexually abuse or sexually harass you. **NO ONE!**

What is sexual harassment?

Repeated and unwelcome comments or gestures of a sexual nature, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

What is sexual abuse?

Forced or coerced sexual intercourse or sexual contact when the victim does not consent or is unable to consent or refuse. This may include the use of fear or threat of physical violence, psychological intimidation, bullying, and physical force.

Sexual abuse can also include incidents of penetration by a foreign object.

Your rights under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

PREA was passed by Congress in 2003 and applies to people in forms of detention. No one deserves to be sexually abused and, if you are sexually abused or sexually harassed while incarcerated, you have rights under PREA.

You have the right to:

- Privately report sexual abuse by staff or other inmates in a variety of ways.
- A prompt, thorough, and objective investigation by specially trained staff.
- Submit a grievance privately even if standard of time limits have expired.
- A forensic medical exam at no cost. Exams will be performed by qualified Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs).
- Have a victim advocate accompany and support you through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews.
- Timely, unrestricted access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services.
- Be tested for sexually transmitted infections.

CDOC Staff Responsibilities

CDOC staff have the responsibility of keeping you safe from sexual abuse and for reporting instances of abuse. They must:

- Protect prisoners from retaliation for reporting abuse. For 90 days after reporting, CDOC must monitor the treatment of the victim by staff and other inmates to ensure no retaliation is taking place.
- Protect prisoners they believe have a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

Protections for transgender prisoners

Prisoners who are transgender are at a higher risk of sexual abuse. Due to that, PREA has specific standards to protect them.

- Cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches are not permitted except in exigent circumstances.
- A physical examination of a transgender inmate for the sole purpose of determining the inmate's genital status is not permitted.
- Placement and programming assignments for each transgender inmate shall be reassessed at least twice a year to review any threat to safety experienced by the inmate.
- A transgender inmate's own views with respect to their own safety shall be given serious consideration.

Other Accommodations

Inmates with disabilities and those who have limited English proficiency have the equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's effort to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, such steps should include interpreters and written material to communicate with inmates who have: disabilities, limited reading skills, limited English proficiency, low vision, or are blind.

- Separate the alleged victim and abuser, and preserve and protect any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence.
- Gather and preserve evidence, and interview victims, perpetrators, and witnesses.
- Determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse.
- Continue an investigation of sexual abuse even if the abuser is transferred from the facility or a staff member is fired.