

Sexual Abuse Awareness

End The Silence...



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What is Institutional Sexual Violence?
Sexual Violence can include both sexual abuse and sexual harassment by another resident, staff member, contractor or volunteer.

Sexual Harassment

- Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures or actions of a derogatory or an offensive sexual nature by one offender directed towards another.
- Repeated comments or gestures of a sexual nature towards a resident by a staff member, contractor or volunteer.

Sexual Abuse

- Forced sexual intercourse, including psychological intimidation or bullying and physical force.
- Sexual Abuse is achieved through use of fear or threat of physical violence.
- Can also include incidents where penetration is from a foreign object.
- Definition includes male or female victims, and both hetero- or homosexual individuals.

There are three types of Facility Sexual Abuse:

1. Resident on Resident: One or more residents engaging in or attempting to engage in a sexual act.
2. Staff on Resident: Staff engaging in or attempting to engage in a sexual act with an resident.
3. Staff on Resident Misconduct: Sexual behavior between staff and an resident which can include indecent, profane, or abusive language or gestures or inappropriate surveillance of residents.

Tips for Avoiding Sexual Abuse

A victim is never to blame for being attacked, but these tips may help you lower your risk of being abused.

1. Carry yourself in a confident manner at all times.
2. Pay attention to your surroundings.
3. Do not permit your emotions (fear/anxiety) to be obvious to others.
4. Do not accept gifts or favors from others. They usually come with strings attached.
5. Do not accept an offer from another resident to be your protector or "friend".
6. Find a staff member with whom you feel comfortable discussing your fears and concerns. Confide in them if you feel threatened.
7. Be Alert! Do not use contraband such as drugs or alcohol as they will weaken your ability to stay alert and make good judgments.
8. Be direct and firm when others ask you to do things that you don't want to do.
9. Do not give mixed messages to others regarding your wishes for sexual activity.
10. Stay in well lit areas.
11. Choose your associates wisely.

What To Do If You Have Been Sexually Abused?

1. Tell a staff member as soon as possible.
2. Seek medical attention **BEFORE** you, shower, eat, drink, change clothing, brush your teeth or use the bathroom.
3. Give as much information as possible to the questions you are asked.

How Can You Report A Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment?

1. Tell any Facility Staff Member that you trust.
2. Make a written request to any staff member.
3. Make a written report to:
BCI/PREA Coordinator
1800 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110
3. Go online to www.tipsubmit.com to file an anonymous report.
4. Write to request more information at:

PCAR
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
P.O. Box 400
Enola, PA 17025

Any form of sexual abuse will not be tolerated by the PA Department of Corrections or this Facility. The goal of the PA Department of Corrections and this Facility is the safety of the residents incarcerated in its facilities. The Department and facility will hold accountable any persons found to have committed any form of sexual abuse against another person.