If you have **just been sexually assaulted**:

- **Verbally request immediate medical attention** -
  You may have an injury that you are not aware of, and any sexual contact can expose you to sexually transmitted diseases (i.e. STD's)

- **Report the assault immediately to a staff member** -
  Delayed reporting makes it difficult to obtain all the evidence for the investigation.

- **Do not wash, brush your teeth, use the toilet, change your clothes, eat, smoke, or drink** - Evidence may be destroyed by mistake.

- **All reports are investigated**

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION**

**THE NHDOC AND ITS STAFF WANT TO KEEP YOU SAFE!**

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**If you are unable to report a sexual assault within 4 days, you can:**

- Report the incident to any trusted staff member (i.e. counselor, CO, nurse)

- Report to NHDOC Investigations by Request Slip

- Contact the PREA Victim Advocate by Request Slip or by letter to:
  NHDOC Victim Services Office
  PO Box 1806
  Concord, NH 03302-1806

  **Consistent with NHDOC policy, you may send privileged mail to:**

- NH Department of Corrections
  Commissioner of Corrections
  PO Box 1806
  Concord, NH 03302-1806

- NH Attorney General
  NH Department of Justice
  33 Capitol Street
  Concord, NH 03301

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**Sexual Assault**

**What you need to know while in prison**

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**New Hampshire Department of Corrections**
What is PREA?

PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) is a federal law that protects people in prison from sexual victimization, rape, and sexual assault.

- Under New Hampshire Law and the Department of Corrections policy, an inmate cannot legally consent to sexual contact with anyone while incarcerated.
- An inmate can have NO sexual contact with another inmate, NHDOC staff, volunteer, and/or contractor.
- It is never appropriate for a DOC staff, volunteers, etc to make sexual advances or comments, or to engage in sexual contact with an inmate.

If you are unsure of whether you have seen or experienced a violation, please contact investigations or the Victim Services Office.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INCLUDES:
- Sexual contact or penetration as defined by NH RSA 632-A
- Masturbating in front of another person
- Making obscene or sexual advances, gestures or comments
- Exposing genitalia, buttocks or female breasts
- Touching of self in a sexually provocative way
- Initiating or making promises in exchange for sexual favors (i.e. promising safety, privacy, housing, or privileges)
- Threats, intimidation or retaliation for any of these

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO PRESSURE ANY PERSON TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTS

Safety Guidelines to Consider
- Trust your instincts. If you sense a situation is dangerous, it probably is.
- Do not accept gifts or favors from others. Most gifts come with strings attached.
- Choose your associates wisely. Look for people involved in positive groups and activities.
- Be Alert! Contraband substances such as drugs & alcohol will weaken your ability to stay alert & stay safe.
- Avoid high-risk places. These are places where it is difficult for others to see. Learn these places and avoid them.

FACTS RELATED TO SEXUAL ASSAULT:
- Anyone can be sexually assaulted
- NOBODY asks or deserves to be raped
- A person who is sexually assaulted is not at fault.
- Many survivors experience feelings of fear, sadness, anger, shame and helplessness.