

## 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!**

## 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

**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.