

## What is NOT PREA?

### Routine staff duties

- Incidental touching of the genital area as a result of a proper search is not considered a PREA allegation.
- Routine security rounds are not considered voyeurism.
- One-time comments or remarks are not considered harassment. However, they are considered disciplinary infractions and will be investigated.
- Consensual sexual activity between other offenders is not a PREA allegation but it is a disciplinary infraction and should be reported as such.

## False Allegations

Any person who files an allegation of sexual abuse knowing it to be false will be subject to serious disciplinary action. In applicable cases, the Department of Corrections will actively pursue criminal prosecution.

The Department of Corrections will seek termination and criminal prosecution of state employees, contractors, volunteers, visitors, or offenders who engage in sexual abuse of offenders.

## Contact Information

### PREA Hotlines

Inmate: Call 7732 (PREA) from any inmate phone.

TC Residents/County Inmate: Call 1-888-992-7849.

You may also report allegations to any staff member, or write to one of the following:

### Statewide PREA Coordinator

300 Patrol Road  
Forsyth, GA 31029

### Ombudsman

P.O. Box 1529  
Forsyth, GA 31029  
(478-992-5358)

### Director of Victims Services

2 MLK Jr. Dr., SE, Suite 458 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

For ADA/LEP Services contact:

### Statewide ADA/LEP Coordinator

300 Patrol Rd.  
Forsyth, Ga 31029



## Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 - (PREA)

## Offender Information Guide

### Zero-Tolerance Policy

GDC has a written policy mandating zero-tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment that outlines the agencies approach to preventing, detecting, responding, and punishing such conduct.

You have the right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

You also have the right to be free from retaliation for reporting such incidents.

## Four PREA Categories

- Inmate/Inmate Sexual Abuse** includes any of the following, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act or is unable to consent or refuse:
  - Penetration;
  - Oral sex;
  - Any intentional touching of a sexual nature.
- Staff/Inmate Sexual Abuse** includes:
  - Penetration;
  - Oral sex;
  - Any intentional touching of a sexual nature;
  - An attempt, threat, or request to engage in activities described in a-c of this section;
  - Display of staff member's uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast;
  - Voyeurism.
- Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment** includes repeated and unwelcome:
  - Sexual advances;
  - Requests for sexual favors;
  - Sexual comments, gestures, or actions.
- Staff/Inmate Sexual Harassment** includes repeated sexual comments or gestures to:
  - Gender;
  - body/clothing
  - Obscene language



## If you have been sexually assaulted,

- Get to a safe place.
- Preserve the evidence: Don't use the bathroom, brush your teeth, shower, or change your clothes.
- Report it, even if you don't have any evidence.

## Methods of Reporting

- Tell any staff member.
- Report using the PREA Hotline.
- JPAY email.
- Mail
  - PREA Coordinator
  - Victim Services
  - Ombudsman
- Third Party Reporting

*PREA is no longer a grievable issue.*

## Avoid Sexual Abuse

- Carry yourself confidently
- Do not accept gifts or favors
- Be alert, avoid drugs or alcohol
- Stay in well-lit areas
- Trust your instincts

## Victim Resources

### Americans with Disabilities (ADA)

Disabled inmates have resources available through facility staff or the ADA/LEP Coordinator's Office.

### Limited English Proficient (LEP)

Resources available for non-English speaking inmates include a facility language line and access to the ADA/LEP Coordinator's office.

### Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Victims have the right to be examined by an outside SANE or to refuse such services.

### Counseling Services

Prior victims and aggressors of sexual abuse will be offered follow-up counseling.

### Protective Custody

Protective custody is available for your safety but is not automatic based on victim status.

### Retaliation Monitor

Retaliation Monitors help ensure anyone reporting or cooperating in an investigation is free from retaliation.

### Victim Advocacy

Inmates have the right to request an advocate to provide support through the investigative process and SANE exam.

### Inmate Notification

GDC staff is required to notify victims of the disposition of their cases upon conclusion of the investigation.