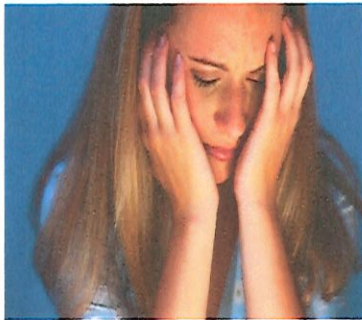




## Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Detention Facility

### Understanding the Prison Rape Elimination Act



This brochure explains certain rights and expectations that you have while a resident at the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Detention Facility.

#### Rights

1. You have the right to be free from sexual abuse.
2. This facility has a "Zero Tolerance" policy concerning sexual behavior.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding these rights, please ask.

Prevention & Intervention The staff will make every effort to protect you from sexual abuse.

#### What is Sexual Abuse?

1. A sexual act committed against you or;
2. The intentional touching of your body in a sexual way by another person.

Sexual abuse happens when someone asks you to:

1. flash or expose the private areas of your body;
2. asks you to engage in sexual intercourse; or
3. engage in other sexual behaviors.

Sexual harassment is also considered sexual abuse. Sexual harassment is:

1. any talk or gestures that is sexual in nature, whether from another resident or staff.

While in the custody of this facility you may not give consent to any sexual act.

#### Minimizing Risk

The staff will make every effort to prevent sexual abuse from occurring. You can help protect yourself by the following:

1. Avoid isolated or secluded areas;
2. Never be alone with another resident without staff presence;
3. Do not tolerate sexual talk around you or in your presence;
4. Do not engage in flirting or suggestive talk; and
5. Never accept/give gifts or favors from/to another resident.
6. Report all incidents of actual or attempted sexual contact, threats against you or your family, or intimidation.
7. Adhere to facility "norms" regarding keeping your distance from other residents (while standing or walking in line, seated at tables or while in common areas).

#### Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you have been sexually abused, or if you are aware of or suspect that another resident has been abused, or if any staff or adult makes you feel uncomfortable, you should report this as soon as possible.

**You may make this report by:**

1. telling any staff member;
2. completing a Grievance;
3. calling the Texas Juvenile Justice Department Abuse Hotline; or
4. requesting permission to speak with a counselor or other facility supervisor.

We want you to feel and be safe while at the facility. If you make a report and feel you are being retaliated against for making the report, please tell another staff or follow the Grievance procedures. You will never be in trouble for making an honest report.

**Treatment & Counseling**

If you are the victim of sexual abuse, you have the right access medical treatment (e.g. testing for sexually transmitted diseases, etc.) and mental health services (e.g. counseling, etc.). These services are available at *no cost if it is determined that you have been the victim of sexual abuse inside the Victoria Regional Juvenile Justice Facility.*

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) investigates abuse, neglect and exploitation in all Texas juvenile justice facilities. There is a toll-free phone number you can call to report abuse if you do not feel comfortable talking to someone in the facility. Your report will be investigated by TJJD if you report it to facility staff or if you call TJJD directly.

The toll-free phone number to report abuse is:

**1-877-786-7263**  
**(1-877-STOP ANE)**

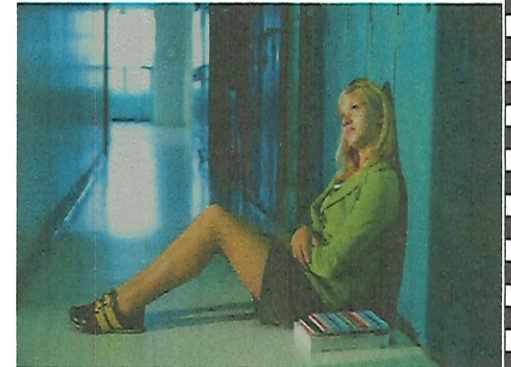
When you call, you will be asked to tell exactly what happened to you in the facility. Your call will be given prompt attention by a TJJD investigator. When you call, you do not have to give your name, but if you do, your name and your identity will be protected and remain confidential or secret.



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*Abuse is a  
Crime!*

*Tell someone.....*



**TJJD Abuse  
Reporting Line**

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