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**PREA Basics**

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**Zero Tolerance Policy**

Inmates have a right to:

* Be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment
* Report and get help if they are abused or harassed
* Be protected from retaliation if they report abuse or harassment, or cooperate in an investigation



**Dynamics of Sexual Abuse in Detention**

National surveys conducted by the federal government show that:

* Sexual abuse in detention is almost equally perpetrated by staff and inmates
* While anyone can be targeted, inmates who have a mental illness, have been sexually abused previously, or are LGBT are at higher risk of victimization
* Refusing to leave or return to their cell
* Avoiding — or clinging to — certain inmates or staff
* Acting out or keeping to themselves
* Refusing to shower or showering more frequently

**Detecting Signs of Sexual Abuse**

Look for changes in behavior, like inmates who start:

Pixton.com

Inmates

Staff

***Note: Check on any inmate who exhibits any of these signs. Remember that these may be an indication of trauma or emotional distress unrelated to sexual abuse; some inmates who have been sexually abused may not show any of these signs.***