

Sexual Abuse Prevention & Reporting

All inmates have the right to be safe from sexually abusive behavior.

The Douglas County Department of Corrections has a zero tolerance policy against sexual abuse and is committed to respecting and protecting the rights of its incarcerated population. An incarcerated individual has the right against being pressured by anyone to engage in sexual acts and does not have to tolerate sexually abusive behavior or pressure to engage in unwanted sexual behavior from anyone. Regardless of the individual's age, size, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation, he/she has the right to be safe from sexually abusive behavior.

Inmates are encouraged to immediately report allegations of sexually abusive behavior to custody staff, the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), or via the grievance process. All allegations, including third-party reports, are confidential and will be thoroughly investigated. Third-party allegations on behalf of an inmate can be initiated by contacting the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) at (402) 599-2499, or by writing to the following address:

Douglas County Department of Corrections Office of Professional
Responsibility
710 S. 17th Street Omaha NE, 68102

Allegations which may result in criminal charges will be investigated by the Douglas County Sheriff's Department.

Douglas County Sheriff's Office
15345 West Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68116
(402) 444-6641

In order for an investigation to be initiated, you must provide the name(s) of the individual(s) against whom you are lodging the complaint, as well as facts about the incident (e.g., details regarding the event(s), dates, times, locations, witnesses, if any, and their identifying information). This will greatly assist in formally addressing/investigating the concerns.

2015 PREA ANNUAL REPORT

Douglas County Department of Corrections

This report has been prepared in accordance with 115.87/88 and 115.287/288 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. Information collected for this report is be used to identify problem areas and to take corrective action as needed.

2015 Analysis

The Douglas County Department of Corrections (DCDC) and Criminal Justice Center (CJC) maintains a “Zero-Tolerance” policy with regard sexual misconduct. As such the DCDC and CJC has policies and procedures which aim to prevent, detect, and provide treatment for victims of sexual abuse. Efforts include:

1. Specialized training on how to recognize and respond to issues with LGBTI issues in a confinement setting was completed by all staff.
2. PREA education for all inmates/detainees at intake and within thirty days of admission is ongoing. Additionally, education materials have been updated and added to our Corrections TV network.
3. Modification of the inmate risk assessment is complete. This helps capture victim/perpetrator information that is essential for classification.
4. Modified timeframe for inmate/detainee reclassification.
5. Both the Main Jail and Criminal Justice Center were audited in August 2015. Corrective action identified by the audit team is being implemented.
6. A review of all substantiated and/or unsubstantiated claims of sexual abuse and harassment has been conducted. Nothing found during the review process indicated that any of the incidents/allegations were motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility. Additionally, nothing found during the review process indicated physical barriers or staffing levels may have contributed to the allegations.

2015 Statistics

The DCDC investigates all reported incidents of sexual abuse and harassment, including anonymous and third-party reports.

	DCDC Main Jail		CJC
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual sexual acts Substantiated	0	Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual sexual acts Substantiated	0
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual sexual acts Unsubstantiated	6	Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual sexual acts Unsubstantiated	0
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual sexual acts Unfounded	4	Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual sexual acts Unfounded	1
Inmate on Inmate Abusive sexual contact Substantiated	0	Inmate on Inmate Abusive sexual contact Substantiated	0
Inmate on Inmate Abusive sexual contact Unsubstantiated	0	Inmate on Inmate Abusive sexual contact Unsubstantiated	0
Inmate on Inmate Abusive sexual contact Unfounded	0	Inmate on Inmate Abusive sexual contact Unfounded	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual misconduct Substantiated	0	Staff on Inmate Sexual misconduct Substantiated	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual misconduct Unsubstantiated	0	Staff on Inmate Sexual misconduct Unsubstantiated	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual misconduct Unfounded	2	Staff on Inmate Sexual misconduct Unfounded	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual harassment Substantiated	0	Staff on Inmate Sexual harassment Substantiated	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual harassment Unsubstantiated	0	Staff on Inmate Sexual harassment Unsubstantiated	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual harassment Unfounded	0	Staff on Inmate Sexual harassment Unfounded	0