

What to do if you've been sexually assaulted

- Get to a safe place.
- Even if you want to clean up immediately after the assault, it is important to save 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. It doesn't matter when the assault happened.
- **Tell ANY staff person** (officer, supervisor, teacher, nurse, etc.). Talk to any staff member you trust.
- You may talk to someone in person, submit a kite, drop a note under a staff member's door. It doesn't matter — just tell someone.
- **Call the 763-324-4886 report line.** This is a message line that is checked daily and all reports are thoroughly investigated. This line can be used by anyone and has been unblocked for use in prisons.
- Seek the support of a trusted friend, family member, or staff member. Whether or not you plan to report the assault, you may choose to talk to someone.
- Victim support services are available from Alexandra House — **24-hour crisis line 763-780-2330.**

How to report a sexual assault

If you are a victim of sexual assault OR you suspect someone else has been sexually abused or involved in sexual misconduct with an inmate or staff member, you need to report it. A thorough and impartial investigation has to be conducted.

Your options:

1. **Talk to any staff member** you feel comfortable with. This can be an officer, supervisor, teacher, nurse, chaplain, ANYONE.
2. Report the incident. **Report line telephone number: 763-324-4886.** This number can be accessed from inmate phones. Inside the Workhouse, inmates dial **4886** on the inmate phone system.

You will get a recorded message and need to leave all the information you can or are comfortable giving. Remember, we cannot conduct an investigation if we don't have enough information. All information will be kept in strict confidence. Your family or friends can also use it to report these incidences for you.
3. Submit a kite, file a grievance, put a note under a staff person's door.
4. A trusted friend or family member can also report on your behalf by email at **ACW.PREA@co.anoka.mn.us.**

REPORTING IS THE FIRST STEP



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Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct

How to prevent it.
How to report it.
Know your rights.



Inmate sexual assault and sexual misconduct by any correctional staff is against the law.

Anoka County Corrections is committed to your safety and the safety of staff. Sexual assault compromises everyone's safety.

Anoka County Corrections has ZERO TOLERANCE of sexual misconduct.

That means we are committed to investigating EVERY allegation, getting services to EVERY victim, and punishing EVERY perpetrator. That includes involving law enforcement and prosecutors.

False allegations will result in discipline or prosecution.

You have the right to serve your sentence with dignity.

What is sexual assault?

- Anytime another inmate sexually touches the sexual parts of your body, forces you to touch the sexual parts of their body, has sex with you without your consent, or forces you to have sex with someone else without your consent, it is against the law.
- Anytime a staff member makes sexual advances or comments, sexually touches you, or has sex with you, it is against the law. Even if you wanted or invited it, the staff person is not allowed to respond. This does not include routine searches or touching for certain medical procedures.
- Anytime you sexually touch a staff member or force them to touch you, it is against the law.
- Consensual sexual conduct is prohibited.

Sexually abusive conduct includes:

- Rape.
- Someone forcing you to have sex with them or another person to repay a debt.
- Someone offering you protection in exchange for sex.
- A staff person offering you a privilege or a favor in exchange for sex.
- Fondling, exposing genitals.
- Inappropriate sexual comments.

It is NOT YOUR FAULT if you were sexually assaulted.

How to prevent sexual assault

- Anyone offering you favors, lending you things, or providing you protection, may be setting you up for an assault or targeting you as a potential victim. DON'T DO IT!
- Be aware of situations that make you feel uncomfortable. Trust your instincts. If it feels wrong, leave or call out for a staff member. It's your right to say "NO," "STOP IT," or "DON'T TOUCH ME!"
- If you or someone else is being pressured for sex, tell a staff member immediately. You don't need to wait for an assault to happen to ask for help.
- Be aware of areas where it may be hard to be seen by staff or where you would have trouble getting help if you needed it.
- Stay out of other people's rooms and keep them out of yours.
- Be alert — contraband such as drugs and alcohol will make it hard for you to stay alert and make decisions.