REPORT

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, sexual abuse or assault:

- Report all incidents of sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment to a staff member immediately, either verbally or in writing.
- All reports will be investigated immediately upon being reported by staff who has the experience and training in investigations and appropriate and effective interviewing techniques.
- Any person who reports incidents may request and be treated as an anonymous informant.
- All information gathered from an investigation will remain confidential.

No one has the right to pressure any person to engage in sexual acts.

No person has to tolerate sexual assault or pressure to engage in unwanted sexual behavior.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse or assault by staff or inmate, report it immediately.

The toll free telephone number for the reporting line at SCI Camp Hill is: 1-866-823-6703

As the result of any investigation into sexual misconduct, sexual abuse or assault, criminal charges may be filed against the perpetrator of the offense.

Staff and any individual in a position of authority over a person in custody or under the supervision of the Lycoming County Prison shall not retaliate against the person making the report.

However, the facility reserves the ability to take appropriate disciplinary or prosecutorial action when untruthful allegations are made.

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Guide On Sexual Abuse And Assault

Educate…Prevent…Report…Respond…

EDUCATE

Sexual Misconduct,

Sexual Abuse and Assault

- Sexual behavior directed toward an inmate/resident/defendant in custody or under supervision of the Lycoming County Prison.
- Acts or attempts to commit an act of sexual contact, which includes intentional touching, either directly or indirectly, with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, arouse or gratify the sexual desire of another.
- Subjecting another person to sexual contact by persuasion, inducement, enticement, or forcible compulsion.
- Subjecting another person to sexual contact who is incapable of giving consent by reason of their custodial status (inmate, resident, defendant under Pre-Trial Supervision).
- Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, disrobing or requesting that another person disrobe or invasion of privacy beyond which is reasonable necessary for safety and security.
- Sexual harassment including demeaning and derogatory comments, jokes, and abusive, threatening or degrading sexual comments.
- Raping, molesting, prostituting or otherwise sexually exploiting another person.

PREVENT

Tips for Keeping Yourself Safe

- Avoid high-risk places where it is difficult for staff or other people to see.
- Avoid being alone in vulnerable situations.
- Do not accept gifts or favors from others.
- Avoid borrowing or becoming indebted to someone.
- Beware of other inmates or other persons who say they will protect you.
- Be aware of body language. Predators look for people who appear and act vulnerable.
- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Do not give out personal information (about your friends, family, or financial situation) to those you do not trust.
- Avoid talking about sex and avoid unnecessary and/or casual nudity.
- Find a staff person with whom you feel comfortable discussing fears or concerns.

RESPOND

Inmates/Residents making allegations of sexual misconduct, sexual abuse or assault will be provided appropriate mental health counseling and medical services. Within the facility, the Chaplain is also available for counseling services. Referrals to community resources shall be coordinated for inmates.

If deemed necessary and appropriate by investigating authorities, the victim will be requested to consent to the collection of forensic evidence which might include a standard “sexual assault kit”.

Victim and witnesses may have their location transferred to other units or jails to prevent further harm, abuse or retaliation.

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