



**PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT of 2003 (PREA) INFORMATION**  
**FOR PERSON(S) WITH DIRECT AND INDIRECT**  
**CONTACT WITH INMATES/ OFFENDERS/JUVENILES**

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has adopted a ZERO-TOLERANCE standard for sexual abuse in its prisons, juvenile justice centers, community corrections facilities and other locations related to supervision. The intent of PREA is to ensure a safe, humane and appropriately secure environment, free from the threat of sexual abuse of all inmates/offenders/juveniles.

You have an obligation to maintain clear boundaries with inmates/offenders/juveniles and to establish a relationship of authority, objectivity and professionalism. You must not allow the development of personal, unduly familiar, emotional or sexual relationships to occur with inmates/offenders/juveniles. Please remember that any sexual contact between an inmate/offender/juvenile and staff member (including you) is considered a form of sexual abuse.

NC General Statute 14-27.7(a), states that if a person having custody of a victim of any age or a person who is an agent or employee of any person, or institution, whether such institution is private, charitable, or governmental; having custody of a victim of any age engages in vaginal intercourse or a sexual act with such victim, the defendant is guilty of a Class E Felony.

**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS CONSENSUAL SEX**  
**BETWEEN YOU AND AN INMATE/OFFENDER/JUVENILE!!!**

All forms of unwanted sexual abuse and harassment between inmates/offenders/juveniles are against DPS policy and may be against NC law. Therefore, if you are aware of any such incidents between inmates/offenders/juveniles or with employees, you have a duty to report them to your Departmental/Division Contact.

Reporting methods include but are not limited to the following:

- Facility/Center/Judicial District Office
- Facility/Center/Division Administrator
- PREA Administration: at (919)825-2754 or [prea@doc.state.nc.us](mailto:prea@doc.state.nc.us)
- Division Directors/Central Office
- NCDPS Employee
- Officer in Charge or Probation Officer