

# Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

## Male Inmate on Inmate Sexual Assault Orientation

### Facts Related to Sexual Assault:

1. Anyone, male or female can be sexually assaulted.
2. Age is not a factor concerning sexual assault.
3. Sexual orientation is not a factor concerning sexual assault. A rapist may be either heterosexual or homosexual (though 98% of male rapists in one study indicated that they were heterosexual). The victims may be either heterosexual or homosexual.
4. Men who have been victims of sexual assault may feel dirty, ashamed, and guilty or experience a “loss of manhood”. They may believe that because they became sexually aroused or ejaculated they were not raped or somehow were consenting. This is not true. These are normal, involuntary physiological reactions that have nothing to do with sexual orientation or consent.
5. Many rapists state that the gender of their victims was inconsequential to them.
6. In a prison setting, inmates that rape are frequently doing so to assert their “masculinity”-strength, dominance and control. They rape to degrade, humiliate and punish. They do this at the expense of weaker members of the inmate population.

### Statistics

1. In 2002 there were 247, 730 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault (this does not include victims 12 or younger).
2. One out of every eight rape victims was male.
3. About three percent of American men-a total of 2.78 million men-have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.
4. A study of seven men’s prison in four mid-western states indicated that twenty-one percent of the surveyed inmates indicated they had experienced at least one episode of pressured or forced sexual contact since being incarcerated.
5. 90 to 95% if males who are raped will never report their assaults to authorities.

### Definition of Sexual Assault

DRC Policy 79-ISA-01 defines sexual assault as “Any contact between the sex organ of one person and the sex organ, mouth, or anus of another person, or any intrusion of any part of the body of one person, or of any object into the sex organ, mouth or anus of another person, by the use of force or threat of force.” Sexual assault, per this definition, includes intercourse, anal and oral sex.

## Inmate Terminology

1. Commonly used names for inmates engaging in predatory behavior are, “daddy”, “big daddy”, “papa”, “boss”, “your man”, etc.
2. Commonly used names for inmates targeted as victims or prey are “punk”, “sissy”, “gumpy”, “fresh meat”, “boy”, “gay boy”, “young thing”, “mines”, “mule”, etc.
3. Other terms that indicates one inmate’s dominance over another inmate are “riding”, “my property”, “mines”, etc..

## Sexual Assault Awareness

1. Characteristics of sexually aggressive inmates may include:
  - a. being between the ages of 27 and 45
  - b. being medium to large build and possessing physical strength
  - c. being aggressive in nature
  - d. having limited ties to outside family and friends and having no outside means of financial support
  - e. being incarcerated for sex offenses or other violent offenses
  - f. being more streetwise and gang affiliated
  - g. being more accustomed to prison life
  - h. doing a substantial amount of time and having established themselves by power and strength with the prison inmate hierarchy.
2. Characteristics of inmates that may be targeted as victims or prey are individuals:
  - a. generally between 16 to 26 years of age
  - b. who are small build and not seen as strong in appearance
  - c. who are seen as possessing “feminine” characteristics
  - d. who are first time offenders
  - e. who are well connected to outside family and friends and with outside means of financial support.
  - f. Who are identified as homosexual or have been previously raped
  - g. Who have been convicted of sexual offenses against a minor
  - h. Who appear passive, timid or weak willed

## Sexual Assault Avoidance

1. When possible avoid isolated areas such as closets, stairwells, isolated restrooms, unoccupied restrooms, etc.
2. When possible stay within eyesight of correctional staff
3. Be aware of your body language. Do not walk with your head down and eyes lowered
4. Do not accept food, cigarettes, clothing or other items from inmates. Do not go into debt in any manner. You may be expected to “repay” these debts with sex.

5. Beware of inmates that say they will protect you. Protection frequently has a cost also.
6. Do not give out information about your family, friends or financial support
7. Do not purchase large amounts of commissary or otherwise give the impression of having money available to you.

### Reporting Sexual Assault

1. Immediately report all incidents of sexually oriented advances from other inmates to a prison staff member. Report as soon as possible and if you do not feel your report has been taken seriously, report it again with an informal complaint to a direct supervisor and then file a grievance if necessary. If the concern for your physical safety is urgent you may kite the inspector directly or any other staff member you feel comfortable reporting this to.
2. If you are sexually assaulted, immediately report it to a prison staff member. Do not clean yourself, brush your teeth, wash your clothes or do anything else that could destroy evidence of the assault. The sooner you report the assault the better the chances evidence can be obtained that will help prove the assault.
3. When a sexual assault is reported you will be medically checked. If the assault has occurred recently you will be transported to a hospital. At the hospital you will be examined for injuries and evidence collected. Evidence may include hair, saliva, semen, or clothing fibers.

### Aftermath

1. Once back at the institution you will be referred to mental health services for assessment. Treatment will be provided as necessary.
2. Victims of sexual assault may experience feelings of self-loathing, anger, rage, humiliation, nightmares, depression, isolation, and depression, among other things. Physical symptoms may include headaches, stomachaches, sleep disturbances and loss of appetite. Report any concerns to medical or mental health services.
3. All reported sexual assaults will be reported to the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Each case will also be administratively investigated. Cooperate with the investigators. The testimony and information you provide will help the department and outside authorities assure that this person is punished for his crime against you, and that he is, as much as possible, not given the opportunity to rape again.

### **IF YOU ARE THE INMATE THAT SEXUALLY ASSAULTS OTHER INMATES**

1. As already noted, all reports of sexual assault are reported to the Ohio State Highway Patrol. They will conduct a criminal investigation. If you are convicted

- of a new felony offense that occurred while in prison, your new sentence will be added to your current sentence, increasing the amount of time you have to serve.
2. In addition to any criminal investigation, there will also be an administrative investigation. You will likely receive a conduct report. If found guilty by the Rules Infraction Board, you will be subject to harsh sanctions. It is also very likely your supervision level will increase, which may cause you to be transferred to a higher security prison with less freedom of movement and less privileges. You may be transferred to the Ohio State Penitentiary.
  3. Consider the effect this would have on you, your living conditions, and your chances for release. If you have family-a mother, wife, children, girlfriend or other close friends and family, consider how this will affect them personally and/or how it will affect their ability to visit you.
  4. Any sexual contact, particularly anal sex, significantly increases your risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease, particularly HIV and AIDS.

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