

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

PREA: Standards 115.241, 115.242, 115.243

POLICY: Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness 104

POLICY

Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services will provide a safe, humane and secure environment, free from the threat of sexual violence and sexual harassment for all offenders by screening offenders for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness. The Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services has zero tolerance for sexual violence of any kind. This policy applies to all employees, prospective employees, interns, volunteers and contractors of the Second Judicial District Department of Correctional Services.

PROCEDURES:

A. Screening for Risk of Victimization and Abusiveness § 115.241

1. All offenders shall be assessed using the Sexual Violence Propensity (SVP) instrument within 72 hours of arrival at the facility. for their risk of being sexually abused by other offenders or sexually abusive toward other offenders. If an SVP assessment is done prior to intake at the facility an SVP reassessment will be completed within 30 days after arrival at the facility.
2. An offender's risk level shall be reassessed using the SVP when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse or receipt of additional information that bears on the offender's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.
3. Offenders may not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked through the SVP.
4. The Department shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the offender's detriment by staff or other offenders.

B. Use of Screening Information § 115.242

1. The Department shall use information from the risk screening required by § 115.241 to inform housing, bed, work, education and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those offenders at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.
2. The Department shall make individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each offender.
3. In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex offender to a facility for male or female offenders, and in making other housing and programming assignments, the Department shall consider on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the offender's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.
4. A transgender or intersex offender's own views with respect to his or her own safety shall be given serious consideration.
5. Transgender and intersex offenders shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other offenders.
6. The Department shall not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex offenders in dedicated facilities, units or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such offenders.