

PREA Reporting Policy

Resident Reporting (§ 115.351):

- (a) LSS shall provide multiple internal ways for residents to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other residents or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.
- (b) LSS shall also provide at least one way for residents to report abuse or sexual harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of the agency and that is able to receive and immediately forward resident reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the resident to remain anonymous upon request.
- (c) Staff shall accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and shall promptly document any verbal reports.
- (d) The facility shall provide residents with access to tools necessary to make a written report.
- (e) LSS shall provide a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of residents.

Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies (§ 115.352).

- (a) LSS does not impose a time limit on when a resident may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse.
- (b) LSS may apply otherwise-applicable time limits on any portion of a grievance that does not allege an incident of sexual abuse.
- (c) LSS will not require a resident to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse.
- (d) LSS will ensure that:
 - (1) A resident who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.
 - (2) Such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.
- (e) LSS will issue a final agency decision within 30 days of the original grievance. If an extension is needed in order to make an appropriate decision, an extension may be granted up to an additional 60 days. Residents involved will receive written notice of this extension which will include a date by which a decision will be made.
- (f) LSS allows third parties, including fellow residents, staff members, family members, attorneys, or outside advocates, to assist residents in filing grievances relating to allegations of sexual abuse/harassment. These third parties will also be allowed to file grievances on behalf of residents.
- (g) An emergency grievance may be filed at any time and through any on-duty personnel or on-call personnel, and any immediate corrective action will be taken to protect the resident from imminent risk. An initial response to the emergency grievance will be received within 48 hours, and a final agency decision will be reached within 5 calendar days. Both the initial response and the final agency response will issue a determination of whether the resident is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken following the emergency grievance.
- (h) Any allegation made in good faith will not be subject to consequences. Any allegation made in bad faith will face consequences as appropriate on a case by case basis.

How Do You Report?

There are multiple ways to report incidents of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct. Access to information that is reported will be limited to those who need to know.

Program Leadership

Tell a Supervisor or a Program Director.

Department of Social Services

You may contact Child Protection Services by contacting 1-877-244-1864

700 Governor's Drive #2

Pierre, SD 57501

Agency PREA Coordinator

Tell the PREA Coordinator either in person, via email or voice mail.

Disability Rights South Dakota provides advocacy and support for individuals with disabilities to prevent and/or address abuse and neglect. Reports can be made to them using the information below.

South Dakota Advocacy Services

221 South Central

Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 1-800-658-4782

Even if it is just a gut feeling, REPORT.

If you think something doesn't sit quite right, REPORT....

THE BOTTOM LINE IS REPORT.

NO MEANS NO AND

YES IS NOT ALLOWED.

ZERO TOLERANCE

WE HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT.

Contact Information

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1601 MILWAUKEE AVENUE NE
ABERDEEN, SD 57401
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR
CANYON HILLS CENTER
2519 WINDMILL DRIVE
SPEARFISH, SD 57783
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SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104

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