

**How do I report, talk to, or send a letter to any of the following people?**

1. Staff
2. Supervisor
3. Nurse
4. Mental Health
5. Probation Officer
6. Attorney
7. Parent or Guardian
8. Minister
9. Any adult you trust

**What happens if I report that I have been abused emotionally, physically or sexually?**

You will get medical attention if you need it. Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice staff will take steps to make sure you are as safe as possible from risk of additional abuse, and will make confidentiality a priority. Staff will refer you to counseling resources. **The abuse will be investigated and criminal charges will be pursued on your behalf.**

**What will happen if I abuse someone?**

The County will investigate the abuse and will seek criminal charges.

**What should I do if I witness abuse?**

You need to report any abuse or suspected abuse you witness to Detention staff.

**What will happen if I make a false report?**

Staff members take reports of abuse very seriously. Anyone making a false report will be held accountable.

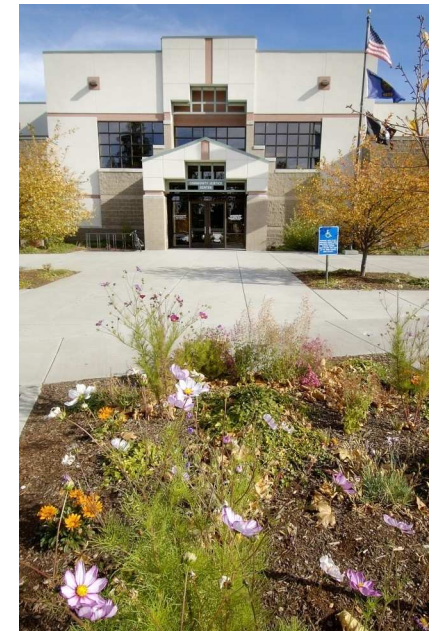


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**Deschutes County  
DETENTION  
Safety Guide**

**Guidelines to ensure  
your safety**



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## Our Mission

While you are in detention, it's important that you remain safe and free from abuse. Deschutes County Juvenile Community Justice (DCJCJ) detention staff work very hard to help youth become successful in an environment that is safe. Read this brochure to learn how to stay safe while lodging in detention.

### **DCJCJ has a zero-tolerance policy for any and ALL abusive behaviors.**

This means that if a youth or staff member is abusive, DCJCJ will investigate the abuse and will hold them accountable.

### **So, how will this brochure keep me safe?**

This brochure gives you important information about your safety while staying in detention. This pamphlet tells you how to:

1. Be safe in detention.
2. Get help if you are abused or harmed.
3. Take the right steps to report if you are abused or harmed.

## The Problem of Abuse

Whether you're living in the community, detention, residential program or foster home, the possibility always exists that another person may be abusive. Abuse can be physical, emotional or sexual. Abuse can include:

1. Hitting
2. Intimidation
3. Bullying
4. Threatening
5. Sexual abuse

**It is wrong for anyone to threaten or harm another person.**

Staff members will do everything they can to prevent abuse.



## How to Report Abuse

If you are abused, you need to report it. Remember, abuse can be emotional, physical or sexual. Reporting can be hard to do, but it will ensure that you and others are safe from harm. It means that the abuser may not harm others in the future. Reporting abuse is a very important way to help ensure your safety in detention.

### **Pay Attention To:**

1. Situations that make you feel uncomfortable.
2. Special attention someone may be giving just to you.
3. Who you share private information with.

### **Take Action!**

Tell a staff member immediately if someone tries to isolate you, gives you anything special/or in trade, or offers you protection.

**It's very important that you report these things to a staff member immediately.**