



# OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE YOUTH SAFETY GUIDE

## If you are a victim call:

Office of Juvenile Justice  
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES HOTLINE  
1-800-626-1430

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault  
(LaFASA)  
1-888-995-7273

Local LaFASA or Rape Crisis Center  
telephone number

LaFASA organizations are an outside resource that provide victim advocacy services to victims of sexual abuse. You may receive support services even if you refuse to report the sexual abuse incident.

**My Counselor's name is:**

**My Probation Officer's name is:**



**Louisiana Office  
of Juvenile Justice**

### Healthy Boundaries Mean:

- Being friendly, not friends
- Respecting others
- No gifts or special favors
- No sharing of personal information



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Your safety is important to the Office of Juvenile Justice! We want to work with you to keep you safe from all kinds of abuse while you are in OJJ custody. We want to help you become successful in an environment that is safe.

**Call 1-800-626-1430**

## DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

**Sexual Harassment** is when a staff member, contractor, volunteer, or youth say harmful things about another youth's gender, body or clothing. Using profane or obscene words or gestures can also be sexual harassment. It also includes inappropriate talk about sexual behavior with other youth or staff.

**Sexual abuse** is when a staff member, contractor, volunteer or youth touch another youth in an inappropriate area of their body for sexual purposes.

If you are not sure if something is sexual harassment or sexual abuse, ask your counselor or probation officer.



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### Confidentiality

Anything you report is private. Your information will only be given to someone who needs to know.

## Did you know?

- Sexual abuse can happen to people of all ages.
- Sexual abuse can happen to males or females.
- Sexual assault is about power and violence. It is not about love.

## Sexual abuse is against the law!

### If you are a victim...

report what happened as soon as you can. It is important to make sure you are safe. It is important that the person who did it does not hurt you again or anyone else.

You will be offered a victim advocate from a rape crisis center who can provide emotional support services to you for any issues related to sexual abuse.

### If you sexually abuse or harass another youth, you should know...

- It will be investigated.
- You could be charged with a crime.
- Your time could be longer.

### What else should you know...

- The Office of Juvenile Justice takes all claims of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment and sexual assault very seriously. OJJ has ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and does not allow any kind of abuse.

- It is important that you report any allegations or worries you have about sexual abuse or harassment to staff. Every report will be fully investigated. It is important to find out the truth. It is important to be honest when making a report. You may get into trouble for making a false report or giving staff false information on purpose.

### OJJ does not allow sexual contact of any kind in any of its facilities.

Sexual contact between staff and youth or between youth in OJJ facilities is not allowed for any reason. It is against the law. If a staff or other youth tries to have any kind of sexual contact with you, tell them NO right away. You should then tell a staff member or a family member. You can also call one of the telephone numbers on this brochure to report sexual abuse.

