

What will happen if I sexually abuse someone?

The Juvenile Department will report the information to the police and will seek criminal charges to be filed on anyone who sexually abuses another person.

Police will investigate and provide a report to the District Attorney. The District Attorney will determine what charges are to be filed.

If you are found guilty you will likely face more time in custody, on probation, and could be placed in a correctional facility or other residential facility depending on your age and the charge.

If you have trouble controlling your actions, ask for help from an adult; seek help so that you don't harm anyone.

What happens if I make a false report?

The Juvenile Department takes reports of abuse very seriously. If you choose to make a false report of abuse against anyone, it will be discovered. Anyone making a false report will be held accountable for the harm they have done. This includes loss of privileges and possible new criminal charges.

Our goal is to provide the safest programs possible. Being honest in what you say and do is a big part of staying safe.

How to avoid sexual abuse?

The only way sexual abuse can be prevented is when a person chooses not to sexually abuse. However, you can be safer by following these guidelines:

- Be aware of situations and people that make you feel uncomfortable
- Be aware of your surroundings and stay away from areas that are isolated
- Yell "NO" or "STOP IT NOW"
- Walk and stand with confidence
- Report any knowledge you have of anyone being abused
- Report any knowledge you have of anyone who is abusing others.

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What You Should Know About Sexual Abuse

It is important to us that you remain safe and free from all types of abuse while in our care. Our goal is to help you succeed in a safe environment.



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Has a **ZERO TOLERANCE**
of abusive behaviors.