

RED FLAGS - ARE WE PAYING ATTENTION TO STAFF?

The National Institute of Corrections has conducted training for several years entitled "Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates." At the conclusion of that training, participants are asked to list those behaviors that they now see as RED FLAGS -- events, actions or activities that should have tipped them off sooner to the possibility of staff sexual misconduct. Here is that list:

- 🚩 Over-identifying with the inmate ("my inmate") or their issues (i.e. blind to inmate's actions)
- 🚩 Horse-play, sexual interaction between staff and inmates
- 🚩 **Inmates knowing personal information about staff**
- 🚩 **Staff isolation from other staff**
- 🚩 **Inmate has letters or photos of staff or staff has same of inmate**
- 🚩 Staff granting special requests or showing favoritism
- 🚩 Inmates in an unauthorized area, or repeatedly out of their assigned place, seeking out staff
- 🚩 Staff spending an unexplainable amount of time with an inmate
- 🚩 **Telephone calls to and from staff/inmates**
- 🚩 Inmate grape-vine, inmate snitches, inmate/staff rumors
- 🚩 **Staff in the facility during "off hours"**
- 🚩 Pregnancy or a diagnosis of STD
- 🚩 **Staff overly concerned about an inmate**
- 🚩 Drastic behavior change on the part of an inmate or staff
- 🚩 Staff having sole involvement with a particular inmate
- 🚩 **Indispensable inmate: "Only one who can do this job."**
- 🚩 High/low number of inmate grievances
- 🚩 **Inmate wanting to go to work early or volunteering to stay late**
- 🚩 Staff confronting staff over an inmate
- 🚩 Staff intercepting inmate disciplinary infractions or editing infractions
- 🚩 Staff tracking outside inmate calls (number and content of call)
- 🚩 Staff and/or inmate improving his/her appearance, dress, make-up, hair
- 🚩 Isolated posts/positions/work assignments
- 🚩 Staff can't account for time
- 🚩 Staff's family being involved with inmate's family
- 🚩 Increase in contraband in an area
- 🚩 **Staff working in a secluded area with inmate(s)**
- 🚩 **Staff taking inmates out of cell at unusual times**
- 🚩 Staff in personal crisis (divorce, ill health, bankruptcy, death in family)
- 🚩 **Staff who consistently work more overtime than peers and who volunteers to work overtime**
- 🚩 Unusual balance, or activity, in an inmate's commissary account
- 🚩 **Staff having excessive knowledge about an inmate and his/her family**
- 🚩 Staff intervening, or helping with the inmate's personal life, legal affairs
- 🚩 Staff sharing food or snacks with inmates
- 🚩 Staff testifying for an inmate, requesting special treatment for an inmate
- 🚩 Staff delegating their duties to inmates (supervisor of cleaning, assignments)
- 🚩 Staff bringing in large amounts of food, soda, snacks
- 🚩 **Overheard conversations between staff and inmates which are sexualized in nature, or refers to the physical attributes of staff or inmates**
- 🚩 Inmate sexual activity