

BOARD OF CORRECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

JULY 15, 2016

Notice of Proposed Rule and Opportunity to Comment

What did the Board of Correction propose?

The Board of Correction proposed rules designed to detect, prevent and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons incarcerated in jails and other facilities operated by the Department of Correction.

How would this rule contribute to efforts to eliminate sexual abuse in the NYC jails?

The major sections are: prevention planning; responsive planning; training and education; screening for risk of victimization and abuse; reporting; official response following a report; investigations; discipline; medical and mental care; and data collection and review.

Where can you read the full text of the proposed rule?

A copy of the proposed rule is in the Law Library. If you are not able to access a copy, please contact the Board of Correction at (212) 669-7900.

The proposed rule is also available on the Board's website – www.nyc.gov/boc.

Why did the Board of Correction propose these rules?

The New York City Public Advocate Letitia James asked the Board to write rules like the national standards that the Department of Justice published to carry out the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 ("PREA"), a response to the major, nationwide problem of sexual violence in prisons and jails.

How can you and your family comment on the proposed rules?

Public comment is very important and will be reviewed by the Board. You and your family can comment by:

- Mail.** You can mail comments to the Board of Correction, 1 Centre Street, Room 2213, New York, NY 10007.
- Voicemail.** You can call (212) 669-7900 and leave comment on our voicemail. This call is free and not recorded.
- Email.** You can email comments to the Board of Correction at BOC@BOC.nyc.gov.
- Fax.** You can fax comments to the Board of Correction at 212-669-7980.
- Website.** You can submit comments to the Board of Correction through the NYC Rules Website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- By Speaking at the Hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rules at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by calling 212-669-7900. You can also sign up in the hearing room before the session begins at 1:00 p.m. on July 26, 2016.

The deadline to submit comments is August 31, 2016. If you need assistance submitting your comment, please contact the Board of Correction at (212) 669-7900. Your call to the Board of Correction is free and not recorded.

When and where is the hearing?

The Board of Correction will hold a public hearing on the proposed rules. The public hearing will take place at 1:00 p.m. on July 26, 2016. The hearing will be held at 125 Worth Street, Second Floor Auditorium, New York, New York, 10013.

Please tell the Board of Correction if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the Hearing or if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail at the address given above or by telephone at (212) 669-7900. Please tell us by July 19, 2016.

What is the Board of Correction?

The New York City Board of Correction (BOC) is a nine-person oversight board that regulates, monitors, and inspects the City's correctional facilities. The City Charter mandates the Board's responsibilities which include establishing and ensuring compliance with minimum standards, investigating any matter within the jurisdiction of the Department, and evaluating the performance of the NYC Department of Correction.

For more information, call us at (212) 669-7900. Your call is free and not recorded.