Definitions of PREA Incident Types

Source: NIC Bureau of Justice Statistics
National PREA Standards Definitions

Type of Incident:	Definitions of Sexual Violence
Inmate/Inmate Nonconsensual Sex Act (Noncon Sex)	Contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse **AND** Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight; Or Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; **OR** Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by the hand, finger, or other object.
Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact (Abuse SC)	(Less Severe) Contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; **AND** Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person. **EXCLUDES** Incidents in which the intent of the sexual contact is to harm or debilitate rather than to sexually exploit.
Staff Sexual Misconduct (St Sex Misc)	Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude inmate family, friends, or other visitors). Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts including: Intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; **OR** Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; **OR** Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for sexual gratification.
Staff Sexual Harassment (St Sex Harass)	Repeated verbal statements or comments of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude inmate family, friends, or other visitors). Demeaning references to gender or derogatory comments about body or clothing; **OR** Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.
Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment (Sex Harass)	Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate, detainee, or resident directed toward another