Safety *in a* Correctional Setting

When you think about working in a correctional setting, one of the first things that you probably think about is *how safe is it?* Many potential candidates ask recruiters, "How safe is it? Isn't there a high risk of being assaulted or harmed by an inmate? **Will I be safe?**"

The reality of working in a correctional setting is that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation provides employees with a safe and secure work environment. Correctional facilities are **highly controlled environments** where inmates are closely monitored.

The Department provides specialized, on-going training for peace officers and all employees receive training on the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. There are Correctional Officers assigned to every area of the facility **to ensure your safety** and trained officers are always on duty. Also, you will be assigned a personal alarm that you will utilize, if needed, and you will have immediate assistance from the custody staff.

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STAFF TESTIMONIALS

"The prison has custody staff support for your safety. The facility is set up in a controlled environment for the safety of all staff. I feel very safe in my work area and any other part of the prison."

Registered Nurse

"I feel safe working in a Correctional Facility. I have worked at the prison for 19 years and have never felt unsafe. We have highly trained staff who are professional and responsible. It's a great job with great people to work with."

Institutional Personnel Officer

"With all the correctional officers on grounds providing security I feel very safe and secure–perhaps even more than I did when I taught honors math on the 'street'. Most institutions are a safe environment for the workers and one should not feel intimidated by the clientele."

Supervisor of Correctional Education Programs

"I am very comfortable working here. The institution provides us with ongoing safety training and orientation provides valuable instruction on the protocols of working in a correctional facility. Being aware of our surroundings is important, as well as being observant. Not just for our own safety, but for the safety of others. I would rather be here where there are hundreds of correctional officers around, too!"

Office Assistant/ Personnel

"It is safe, if not safer, to work in a correctional facility as a teacher than anywhere else. I have known of many teachers who have been assaulted in public schools. After 8 years of teaching in a prison, I have yet to either meet or hear of a teacher being assaulted in a prison. All teachers are trained on how to act during emergency situations. We are also equipped with a Personal Alarm Device and a whistle. In my 8 years, I have only had to 'push the button' of my PAD once; and that was for help breaking up a fight. Trained and equipped officers arrived within seconds and dealt with the problem."

Teacher