

WASHINGTON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

PREA

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

VISITOR INFORMATION

This facility has a **'ZERO TOLERANCE'** policy towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted in 2003. In 2012, the Department of Justice released the PREA standards. PREA was created to put an end to sexual abuse in all forms of detention.

OUR GOAL WHILE AN OFFENDER IS IN THIS FACILITY IS TO:

Prevent them from becoming a victim of sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Attempt to detect any situation that could cause them to be victimized.

Respond to any reports received regarding a sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

To provide them with the right to be free from sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual harassment and free from any retaliation for reporting such incidents.

DEFINITION OF CONSENSUAL IN A CORRECTIONAL SETTING

RELATIONSHIPS ARE NEVER CONSIDERED CONSENSUAL WHEN A SUBJECT IS INCARCERATED, WHETHER INMATE TO INMATE OR STAFF TO INMATE. IT IS AGAINST FACILITY POLICY FOR INMATES TO HAVE SEXUAL CONTACT WITH OTHER INMATES.

BY LAW, INMATES CANNOT CONSENT TO SEXUAL CONTACT WITH STAFF MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS OR CONTRACTORS. THEREFORE, ALL SEXUAL CONTACT BETWEEN INMATES AND STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS IS CONSIDERED SEXUAL ABUSE, EVEN IF THE INMATE AGREES OR SEEMS WILLING.

DEFINITION OF SEXUAL ABUSE

1. SEXUAL ABUSE OF AN INMATE DETAINEE OR RESIDENT BY ANOTHER INMATE, DETAINEE OR RESIDENT INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS; IF THE VICTIM DOES NOT CONSENT, IS COERCED INTO SUCH ACTS BY OVERT OR IMPLIED THREATS OF VIOLENCE, OR IS UNABLE TO CONSENT OR REFUSE.
 - CONTACT BETWEEN THE PENIS AND THE VULVA OR THE ANUS, INCLUDING PENETRATION, HOWEVER SLIGHT.
 - CONTACT BETWEEN THE MOUTH AND THE PENIS, VULVA OR ANUS.
 - PENETRATION OF THE ANAL OR GENITAL OPENING OF ANOTHER PERSON, HOWEVER SLIGHT, BY HAND, FINGER, OBJECT OR OTHER INSTRUMENT THAT IS UNRELATED TO OFFICIAL DUTIES OR WHERE THE STAFF MEMBER, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER HAS THE INTENT TO ABUSE OR GRATIFY SEXUAL DESIRE
 - ANY OTHER INTENTIONAL CONTACT, EITHER, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE CLOTHING OF OR WITH THE GENITALIA, ANUS, GROIN, BREAST, INNER THIGH OR THE BUTTOCKS.

2. SEXUAL ABUSE OF AN INMATE, DETAINEE OR RESIDENT BY A STAFF MEMBER, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS; WITH OR WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE INMATE, DETAINEE OR RESIDENT.
 - CONTACT BETWEEN THE PENIS AND THE VULVA OR THE ANUS, INCLUDING PENETRATION, HOWEVER SLIGHT.
 - CONTACT BETWEEN THE MOUTH AND THE PENIS, VULVA OR ANUS
 - CONTACT BETWEEN THE MOUTH AND ANY BODY PART WHERE THE STAFF MEMBER, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER HAS THE INTENT TO ABUSE, AROUSE OR GRATIFY SEXUAL DESIRE.
 - PENETRATION OF THE ANUS OR GENITAL OPENING OF ANOTHER PERSON, HOWEVER SLIGHT, BY HAND, FINGER, OBJECT OR OTHER INSTRUMENT THAT IS UNRELATED TO OFFICIAL DUTIES OR WHERE THE STAFF MEMBER, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER HAS THE INTENT TO ABUSE, AROUSE OR GRATIFY SEXUAL DESIRE.
 - ANY OTHER INTENTIONAL CONTACT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE CLOTHING OF, WITH THE GENITALIA, BUTTOCKS OR BREAST IN THE PRESENCE OF AN INMATE, DETAINEE OR RESIDENT.
 - VOYEURISM BY A STAFF MEMBER, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER.

DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- REPEATED AND UNWELCOME SEXUAL ADVANCES, REQUESTS FOR SEXUAL FAVORS, OR VERBAL COMMENTS, GESTURES OR ACTIONS OF DEROGATORY OR OFFENSIVE SEXUAL NATURE, BY (I) INMATE, DETAINEE OR RESIDENT DIRECTED TOWARD ANOTHER.
- REPEATED VERBAL COMMENTS OR GESTURES OF A SEXUAL NATURE TO YOU BY A STAFF MEMBER, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER, INCLUDING DEMEANING REFERENCES TO GENDER, SEXUALLY SUGGESTIVE OR DEROGATORY COMMENTS ABOUT BODY, CLOTHING OR OBSCENE GESTURES OR LANGUAGE.
- VOYEURISM BY A STAFF MEMBER, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER MEANS AN INVASION OF PRIVACY OF AN INMATE, DETAINEE OR RESIDENT BY STAFF FOR REASONS UNRELATED TO OFFICIAL DUTIES, SUCH AS PEERING AT YOU WHEN YOU ARE USING THE TOILET IN YOUR CELL TO PERFORM BODILY FUNCTIONS WHICH REQUIRES YOU TO EXPOSE YOUR BUTTOCKS, GENITALS OR BREAST OR ALSO TAKING IMAGES OF ALL OR PART OF YOUR NAKED BODY OR OF YOU PERFORMING BODILY FUNCTIONS.

REPORTING

There are multiple ways for inmates to report sexual abuse or sexual harassment. They can report on the pod kiosk, tablet, and inmate phone or by telling any staff member verbally or in writing. When reporting by phone, the inmate is connected to an outside entity that takes the report and notifies jail administration. The inmate may choose to remain anonymous and the call is not recorded.

This facility also accepts third party reports made on behalf of an incarcerated offender. **Anyone can report**, such as loved ones or attorneys. Reports can even be made anonymously. Reports can be made in person, by calling the facility directly, mailing a letter to the facility, or by sending an email to: prea@co.washington.pa.us. The PREA Coordinator can be reached directly at 724-228-6916.

All reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are promptly documented and investigated. A Supervisor, the PREA Coordinator, and the Warden will be notified. In some cases the City Detectives will also be notified. Information will only be disclosed to those involved in the investigation.

Our facility is committed to complying with all requirements of PREA.