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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed with unanimous support from both parties of Congress in 2003. The purpose of the act was to provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State and local institutions. In addition, to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003). In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice, funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections and jail systems.

The Sioux County Jail is committed to your safety and the safety of inmates. The inmates have the right to serve their sentence with dignity, free from sexual assault, sexual harassment and retaliation. The volunteers, contact staff, facilitators and officers also have the right to work in this facility free of sexual assault, sexual harassment and retaliation.

The Sioux County Jail has ZERO TOLERANCE regarding sexual assault within its facility. This means we do not tolerate any level of sexual harassment, misconduct or assault within this facility. We will take every effort to prevent sexual assault and misconduct from occurring. Every allegation will be investigated, every violator punished and every victim offered services.

How to Report:

- If you were previously incarcerated at the Sioux County Jail and need to report an incident of sexual abuse or harassment; or
- If you are reporting an incident on behalf of an individual who is or was incarcerated at the Sioux County Jail:
 - Contact the Sioux County Jail, or any of the following agencies. Reports may be made in person, in writing, or anonymously.

Sioux County Jail (712) 737-3131

Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline 800-284-7821

Public Defender Office (712) 279-0202

ASA, Spencer, Iowa 712-362-4612

Sioux County Attorney's Office (712) 737-2457

Citizens Aid/Ombudsman 888-426-6283

All cases of alleged sexual misconduct shall be promptly, thoroughly and objectively investigated.