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PREA NOTICE

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed with unanimous support from both parties in 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 and 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 and 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 a ZERO TOLERANCE regarding sexual assault within its facility. This means we do not tolerate any level of sexual harassment, misconduct or assault in this facility. Every effort will be made 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 housed at the Sioux County Jail and need to report an allegation of sexual abuse/harassment; or
- If you are reporting an incident on behalf of an individual who is or was housed at the Sioux County Jail: Contact the Sioux County Jail. Reports may be made in person, in writing, or anonymously.

Sioux County Jail
(712) 737-3131

Iowa Victim Service Call Center
(800) 770-1650

Public Defender's Office
(712) 279-0202

Citizen's Aid/Ombudsman
(888) 426-6283

Sioux County Attorney
(712) 737-2457

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