

**BENTON COUNTY
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

PREA: Prison Rape Elimination Act

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a Federal law designed and passed to establish a zero-tolerance standard for sexual assault (including rape), sexual abuse and sexual harassment in correctional systems. The goal is to make the prevention of prison rape a top priority in prisons, jails, lockups and community confinement facilities, develop new national data collection on the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault within correctional facilities, and increase the accountability of prison officials who fail to detect, prevent, reduce, and punish prison rape.

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

The Benton County Corrections Department does not condone nor tolerate any type of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, consensual sexual contact, sexual abuse, rape and/or sexual harassment toward any inmate(s). This Department will aggressively pursue all complaints, suspicions, or criminal acts of sexual misconduct up to and including prosecution in criminal court. Inmates may confidentially disclose incidents of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, sexual contact, sexual abuse, rape and/or sexual harassment to Jail staff (including; officers, clergy, medical and mental health care workers, and inmate program directors) either verbally or in writing. Inmates may also confidentially disclose any incident through the tip line by pressing 4 for the message system. Then press 1 to make a PREA complaint on the inmate phones. Inmates may also contact SARC free of charge using the inmate phone system.

The Benton County Corrections Department has a zero tolerance for all forms of retaliation against any person because of his/her involvement in the reporting or investigation of a PREA claim.

Family members may contact SARC at (509) 374-5391 to make a complaint. SARC will then contact the Benton County Corrections Department on your behalf to report the incident.

You can also report PREA incidents of sexual abuse or harassment to the following resources as well.

- Any Corrections Staff
- Report the incident directly to Police or Attorney
- The Corrections Department Medical Team.

Support, Advocacy, and Resource Center (SARC), if you or a loved one are a victim of a sexual assault. This phone call is confidential and free of charge, an advocate from SARC may contact this was formerly the Sexual Assault Response Center.

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