Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Annual Report 2022



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Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), a federal law enacted in 2003, was created with the purpose to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement. The PREA legislation mandated federal funding for research, programming, training, and technical assistance to address related issues.

PREA was signed into federal law in September 2003, and the final rules and standards were published on August 20, 2012. Extensive research and collaboration took place to identify the extent of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment taking place in federal, state, county, city and tribal confinement facilities for both adults and juveniles. The research identified the scope of the issue, and standards were developed to guide facilities to adopt a "zero-tolerance policy" toward sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The established standards provide a way to measure the zero tolerance policy through strategies to improve prevention, detection, responsiveness and data collection of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment incidents.

The Northwest Regional Re-Entry Center (NWRRC) falls under the PREA standard of Community Confinement facilities 115.5. Further details can be acquired on the PREA Resource Center web page, www.prearesourcecenter.org.

Response by NWRRC:

NWRRC is committed to and has a zero tolerance policy for PREA violations and prioritizes the safety and security of all residents, staff and visitors. Therefore, we conduct ongoing evaluations of our PREA program and look for ways to improve. Additionally, we gather data annually to compare information to previous years to look for patterns and areas to improve. During October 2022, NWRRC underwent a comprehensive audit to determine our compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act. This multi-day audit included policy reviews, a tour of facility, and interviews with staff, volunteers and our resident. The preparation for this audit involved changes in policy, updating training, and procedures to meet the best practices in the field of community corrections and the PREA standards. NWRRC achieve compliance for the 38 standards required by Department of Justice (DOJ) to become PREA compliant. NWRRC takes pride in that this was our third scheduled PREA audit in which NWRRC has met the DOJ federal standards.

DATA:

PREA standards require that each community facility be audited every three years. NWRRC received audits in 2016, 2019 and 2022. NWRRC were found to be in compliance with all PREA standards. The annual PREA reports are posted on NWRRC's website. Our next audit is scheduled to October 2025.

2022 NWRRC PREA Reports

Date	Type of Report*	Location (Facility)	Type of Investigation	Date Completed	Outcome
3/11	S:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	03/25/22	Unfounded
6/24	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	06/24/22	Unfounded
7/24	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	07/26/22	Substantiated
8/5	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	08/08/22	Unsubstantiated
9/28	R:R SAB	BOP Fac.	Administrative	10/04/22	Unknown
12/29	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	12/29/22	Substantiated

Code	Meaning
R:R	Resident on Resident
S:R	Staff on Resident
SH	Sexual Harassment
SAB	Sexual Abuse
SA	Sexual Assault

Total PREA Reports by Year, 2014–2022

Year	Total PREA Reports	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Other
2014	2	Both occurred at other facilities. Referred for investigations			2
2015	9*	4	2		3
2016	5	2	2	1	
2017	3		2	1	
2018	6 **	2	1	2	1
2019	10	3	5	2	
2020	9 ***	2	3	2	2
2021	10 ***	0	3	5	2
2022	6*	2	1	2	1

*Three referred to other institutions for investigations. Outcome unknown

**One referred to Sheridan for investigation. Outcome unknown

*** Two referred to other institutions for investigations. Outcome unknown