Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Annual Report 2023



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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:

This is the NWRRC annual report of data collected and aggregated pursuant to Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standard 115.88 – PREA Annual Report. The purpose of this report is to provide confirmation that we monitor and assess the effectiveness of our facility's sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. NWRRC continues to have a zero tolerance for PREA violations and prioritizes the safety and security of all residents, staff, and visitors. PREA incidents can be reported several different ways internally and externally. Each incident is investigated and reviewed to evaluate for corrective action. For example, during the 2023 evaluation process, we discovered an area of the facility that we determined to be vulnerable. To address the issue, a window was installed in a door to increase visibility. We have also been preparing for a remodel that will begin in the spring of 2024, which will help us improve resident services. PREA was considered when developing architectural designs and will continue throughout the actual construction phase.

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 for October 2025.

2023 NWRRC PREA Reports

Date	Type of Report*	Location (Facility)	Type of Investigation	Date Completed	Outcome
01/09	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	01/20/23	Unsubstantiated
01/23	R:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	01/23/23	Unfounded
01/23	S:R SH	NWRRC	Administrative	01/23/23	Unfounded
04/14	S:R SAB	NWRRC	Administrative	04/19/23	Unfounded
07/17	R:R SH	NWRRC	Administrative	07/20/23	Substantiated
11/25	R:R SH	NWRRC	Administrative	12/05/23	Unsubstantiated
12/04	R:R SAB	MWRRC	Administrative	12/05/23	Unfounded

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, 2014–2023

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
2023	7	1	2	4	

*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