Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
Annual Report 2024



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Purpose:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires each facility to collect and review data "in order to access and improve the effectiveness of it sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training (Standard 115.288a)."

- Identify problem areas and corrective action taken.
- Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years.
- Access NWRRC's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

This report provides information for calendar years 2014 through 2024.

Background:

PREA, a federal law enacted in 2003, was created with the purpose of eliminating sexual abuse in confinement. 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.

NWRRC is a community confinement facility housing approximately 150 residents in Portland, Oregon. The facility has a combination of federal, state and Multnomah County releasees. The facility is comprised of a combination of 3 and 4 person rooms as well as three dormitory style rooms. NWRRC provides release services, including job search, housing, drug & alcohol and mental health services. NWRRC employs an integrated approach that combines camera technology, adherence to industry best practices, and comprehensive training for both residents and staff to optimize operational processes and uphold a zero-tolerance policy toward PREA violations. Additionally, we gather data annually to compare information to previous years to look for patterns and areas to improve.

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

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

DATA:

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

2024 NWRRC PREA Reports

Date	Type of Report*	Location (Facility)	Type of Investigation	Date Completed	Outcome
None reported in 2024					

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, 2014–2024

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	
2024	0	0	0	0	0

*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

Corrective Action 2024:

NWRRC has a zero-tolerance for sexual abuse, harassment and retaliation for reporting an incident. The PREA standards require NWRRC to be audited every three years and the next audit will be scheduled for October 2025.

The following progress was made in 2024 to reduce PREA related incidents:

- Provided PREA online training to all employees
- Continued review of operational practices to enhance PREA safety
- Added additional mirrors for increased visibility
- Added additional cameras to areas identified by NWRRC's Vulnerability Risk Assessment Tool
- Considered the effect of facility remodel regarding NWRRC's ability to protect residents from sexual abuse