

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

What is PREA?

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) establishes a Zero-Tolerance standard towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of incarcerated persons. It is Public Law 108-79, signed in September 2003 by President Bush.

PREA sets a standard that protects the Eight Amendment rights of Federal, State, and local prisons, making the prevention of sexual abuse and sexual harassment a top priority. It also increases available data on sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and it increases the accountability for administrators who fail to prevent, reduce, and punish this type of behavior.

The Pasco Sheriff's Office is committed to a Zero-Tolerance standard for the detection, reduction and punishment of sexual abuse of inmates, to address the safety and treatment of inmates who have been victim of a sexual act, and to discipline and prosecute those who perpetrate these acts upon inmates.

Inmates who are victims of sexual abuse have the option to report the incident to any staff member, submit an Administrative Remedy, or call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at *500.

You can learn more about PREA at the website for the National Institute of Corrections and the National PREA Resource Center.

To report a possible PREA allegation, please contact the Shift Commander at 813-235-6017 or the PREA Coordinator at tbarmann@pascosheriff.org.