

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audits

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress in 2003. The purpose of the act was to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” (*Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003*) The act also created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged it with developing draft standards for the elimination of prison rape. Those standards were published in June 2009 and were turned over to the Department of Justice for review and passage as a final rule. That final rule became effective August 20, 2012.

Pursuant to PREA, secure confinement facilities will be audited at least once every three years by auditors certified through the U.S. Department of Justice. The audit findings for each facility are posted on the PMCJC website.

Zero Tolerance Protocols:

The Pecos Municipal Criminal Justice Center shall ensure that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

PMCJC has a policy to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. The PMCJC has a policy available through the PMCJC website allowing interested persons to view as they need.

PREA Helpful Links

- [National PREA Resource Center](#)

How to report a PREA incident directly:

preacoordinator@pecostx.gov

How to make a third party PREA report:

Third Party Complaints can made at the following:

- United States Marshall Service 1215 S. Clark St-Arlington, VA 22202 (202) 307-9100, as well as his representative attorney.
- U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation, Corrections, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C. 20530
- Staff will accept reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously and from third parties and will promptly document any oral reports.