

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

What is PREA

In September of 2003, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into law. PREA was created to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement settings. PREA is a federal law to guide correctional institutions about detecting, preventing, reducing, and punishing sexual abuse/misconduct in confinement settings. This law applies to all federal and state prisons, jails, police lock-ups, private facilities, juvenile facilities, and community correctional settings.

LCSO's Zero Tolerance Policy

Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has established a zero-tolerance policy for the incidence of detention rape and sex-related offenses and attempts thereof. The Department will make the prevention of detention rape a top priority. The Department will strictly enforce all federal, state and local laws regarding inmate sexual misconduct, threats of sexual assault or intimidation by providing clear definitions of prohibited conduct, establishing uniform methods of the prompt reporting and investigation of allegations of sex-related offenses or threat, identification of predators, protection of victims and prescribing sanctions for substantiated sexual offenses as well as false allegations.

To Report Sexual Assault or Sexual Harassment

The LCSO shall promptly, thoroughly and objectively investigate all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports of sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and retaliation.

Inmates are encouraged to immediately report allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment to a LCSO staff member, medical staff, mental health staff, contractor or volunteer, or by submitting a Grievance on their assigned tablet, writing a PREA Grievance. An inmate may feel more comfortable reporting sexual assault, sexual abuse, or sexual harassment to a family member or friend. To report a sexual assault or sexual harassment incident on behalf of an inmate, who is or has been in our custody, you can:

Email: mbailey@lincolncountynv.gov

Contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Front Desk by calling 775-962-8080 or in person at 225 Justice Way, Pioche NV 89043.

Please provide as much of the following information as possible. Please be aware that reports can be made anonymously and/or with limited information given.

Incident:

1. Inmate's Name (can remain anonymous)
2. Inmate's Booking Number (if known)
3. Date and Time of Incident (if known)
4. Location of the Incident (if known)
5. Type of Incident
 1. Sexual Assault
 2. Sexual Abuse
 3. Sexual Harassment

4. Retaliation for reporting or being involved in a PREA related incident
5. Any Involved parties (if known/can remain anonymous)
6. Reporting Party's Contact Information (Optional)
 1. Name
 2. Address
 3. Phone Number
 4. Email Address

Additional Resources

PREA Website <https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/>

BJA Website https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=76#horizontalTab6

JDI Website <https://justdetention.org/>