

## Wilkin County Sheriff's Office - Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Wilkin County Jail has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse. The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 is a federal law that seeks to eliminate sexual assault and sexual misconduct.

### PREA Overview

The Wilkin County Jail has a zero-tolerance policy towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in our facility, under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. We will enforce all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to inmate sexual misconduct. All reports will be fully investigated, which includes both allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, by the Wilkin County Jail and the Wilkin County Sheriff's Office.

Under PREA, we have established uniform methods for prompt reporting and investigation of allegations of sex-related offenses or threats, identification of predators, protection of victims, and prescribing sanctions for substantiated sexual offenses, as well as false allegations. This standard is directed to all sexual acts relating to: inmate, inmate to staff, and staff to inmate.

Inmates who are currently being sexually assaulted are encouraged to talk to a staff member. This will allow for the quickest response.

If you suspect that an inmate is the victim of sexual assault/harassment, it can be reported in one of the following ways:

- Contact the Wilkin County Jail Administration during regular business hours at 218-643-1205 and you will be directed to someone who can take the information.
- Call the Wilkin County Jail at 218-643-1205 and request to speak with the Shift Supervisor to make a report.
- Call the Wilkin County Sheriff's Office at 218-643-8544.
- Call Rape and Abuse Crisis Center at 701-293-7273

WCSO PREA COMPLAINTS					
2023			2024		
Inmate on Inmate Complaints	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Inmate on Inmate Complaint	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment
Unfounded	0	0	Unfounded	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	Substantiated	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	Unsubstantiated	0	0
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The Wilkin County Jail holds true to operating with integrity and ensuring a safe and secure correctional facility for all inmates housed in our facility.