

On September 4, 2003, President George W. Bush signed into law the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. The legislation required the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to develop a new national data collection on the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault within correctional facilities. The final rule was published in the federal register on June 20, 2012, and became effective on August 20, 2012.

The Burleigh County Sheriff's Department is committed to PREA compliance, and makes every effort to provide a sexually safe environment for everyone committed to our custody.

The Burleigh Sheriff's Department maintains a zero tolerance policy toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates in our correctional facilities. Employees, Volunteers, Contractors, and inmates will all be held accountable to established PREA Standards, and all are provided with training and information regarding their rights and responsibilities under this law.

The Burleigh County Sheriff's Department will accept third party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of inmates within our facilities. The PREA Coordinator is Major Steve Hall, and can be contacted by calling (701) 222-6651.

Every reported incident of sexual harassment or sexual abuse will be investigated and documented by a qualified investigator.