

PREA

The Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 with unanimous support from both parties in Congress. 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, 2013.

Ada County Juvenile Detention’s PREA policy:

Ada County Juvenile Detention has a zero tolerance policy for any sexual activity, threats to engage in non-consensual sexual activity, or solicitation to engage in sexual activity between juvenile and juvenile, staff and juveniles, volunteers or contract personnel and juveniles, whether consensual or non-consensual. Any officers, employees, contractors and volunteers involved in this type of behavior will be subject to administrative and criminal sanctions (see Idaho Code sections 18-6110, 18-1501, 18-1506, 18-1506A, 18-1508, 18-1508A and 18-6101.1).

Juvenile to juvenile sexual activity, rape, sexual conduct, and sexual contact as defined in this policy is prohibited, as is sexual harassment. Juveniles participating in this type of behavior will receive appropriate discipline and may be charged with a new crime. Depending on the age of the juvenile and the charge, they may be charged as an adult.

ACJCS PREA HOTLINE – 1-208-577-4808 (24/7 messages)

If you wish to notify Ada County and ACJCS of a suspected sexual mistreatment of a juvenile in Detention (either sexual assault or sexual harassment), please call 577-4808 to leave a message. Your message will be forwarded to the Director and acted upon, to potentially include a referral to a law enforcement or administrative investigator.

For further information on PREA you may contact: Ken Jenkins, PREA Coordinator for Ada County Juvenile Court Services, 208-577-4854 or kjenkins@adaweb.net