

PREA

The federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) supports the elimination, reduction and prevention of sexual assault and rape within correctional systems and detention facilities across the country. It establishes a zero-tolerance standard for the incidence of inmate sexual assault and staff sexual misconduct, and makes prevention a top priority. The law also requires the Attorney General of the United States to adopt national standards for all federal, state, and local prisons, jails and lock-ups and detention facilities. These standards are expected to be issued in January of 2012.

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections has a zero-tolerance standard for inmate sexual assault and staff sexual misconduct and has issued two Executive Directives (16A and 72) to address this important matter. The Wisconsin Legislature also enacted Act 51 in 2003 which made staff sexual misconduct a felony crime under Wisconsin Statute 940.225.

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections has been involved in the implementation of a PREA plan since the federal law was first enacted.

PREA incidents are cases involving the following types of conduct:

- Offender-on-offender sexual assault
- Offender-on-offender abusive sexual contact
- Staff sexual misconduct
- Staff sexual harassment of an offender

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections works with local law enforcement agencies to ensure that sexual assault crimes of this nature are thoroughly investigated, and that the individuals involved are held accountable under the law and Wisconsin Administrative Code as appropriate.

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