

# ZERO TOLERANCE

## PREA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has a **zero tolerance** policy concerning incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment. The Prison Rape Elimination Act was enacted by the United States Congress in September of 2003. Any act or behavior of a sexual nature directed towards an inmate by another inmate, staff member, volunteer, agency representative, or any other person shall be reported immediately or as soon as practical so that appropriate action can be taken. Inmates may report incidents of sexual assault or sexual harassment by using one of the following options:

- ◆ Verbally notify any Sheriff's Office Staff or Medical Staff
  - ◆ Verbally notify any supervisor
  - ◆ Submit an Inmate Grievance Form/ electronic submission through tablet
  - ◆ Submit a Health Needs Request Form/ electronic submission through tablet
  - ◆ Non-Emergency PREA allegation through tablet
  - ◆ Contact Silent Witness at (480)948-6377
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- Reported incidents will be fully investigated and criminal charges will be sought against those suspected of engaging in any form of sexual assault
  - Throughout the day, non-medical personnel of the opposite gender may enter your housing unit or living area for various reasons. You are to be fully dressed anytime you are outside of your assigned cell or bunk
  - When deciding to shower, perform bodily functions, or change your clothing, it is your responsibility to be conscientious of non-medical personnel of the opposite gender entering your housing unit
  - If you have any questions, please contact an MCSO Officer



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