

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Inmate Brochure

Prison Rape Elimination Act

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) a federal law enacted in 2003, was created to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** for sexual abuse.



Inmates shall be free from any form of sexual abuse! All incidents shall be reported immediately

Paul Penzone — Sheriff

The main goal of PREA is to support the reduction, elimination, and prevention of rape within correctional facilities at the federal, state and local levels.

Four types of sexual abuse within the facilities:

Sexual Assault: is any type of forced or coerced sexual touching with or without penetration.

Sexual Abuse: includes 1. Sexual abuse of an inmate by another inmate and 2. Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Sexual Harassment: repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate, directed to another; and repeated verbal comments or gestures of sexual nature to an inmate by a staff member, contractor or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

Voyeurism: an invasion of privacy of an inmate by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties.

How can you report on behalf of your loved one and seek help:

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office currently has several different options for friends and family to report a PREA incident on behalf of an inmate.

1. Contact Silent Witness at 480-948-6377
2. Contact Professional Standards Bureau 602-876-5429
3. Fill out compliant form located at any lobby at all Maricopa County Jails