

PREA

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

What is a **PREA**-

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a Federal Law established by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to address the elimination of sexual assault and rapes in correctional systems. PREA applies to federal, state and local prisons, jails and community settings. Its major provisions are:

1. Develop standards for detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of prison/jail rape.
2. Collect and disseminate information on incidents of prison/jail rape.

PREA seeks to insure that jails and other correctional settings protect inmates from sexual assault, sexual harassment by other inmates or jail staff. These violations affect security and safety, and pose long-term risks to inmates and staff inside jails and to the public when victimized inmates are released into the community.

PREA requires jails to keep data regarding inmate-inmate sexual assaults, nonconsensual acts and staff Misconduct.

BELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Zero Tolerance Policy towards Sexual Abuse or Sexual Harassment

BELL County Sheriff's Department is committed to protect and serve the community with integrity, pride and professionalism through the operation of a safe and humane jail system that meets all statutory mandates established by Federal Law and the State of Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The Bell County Sheriff's Department is committed to swift, fair and efficient of laws in Bell County.