

Prison Rape Elimination Act

Congress passed the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), which applies to every person incarcerated in a U.S. correctional institution – federal prisons, state prisons, jails, private facilities, lock-ups, juvenile facilities, and immigration detention centers. The law applies to multiple forms of sexual violence, including coercion by staff or other incarcerated people.

The Broward Sheriff's Office has established a **"Zero Tolerance"** for inmate sexual assault/abuse and shall make every effort to provide all inmates with a safe, humane and secure environment, free from the threat of sexual assault/abuse and staff sexual misconduct/harassment. All incidents of sexual misconduct/harassment can be reported to the Broward Sheriff's Office PREA hotline at 954-831-3775.