

Butte Pre-Release/Women's Transitional Center Annual Comparative Reports (§115.287 and §115.288) for the year 2023.

Butte Pre-Release/Women's Transitional Center posts an annual report of PREA investigations and outcomes.

The following are standardized definitions offered by the Prison Rape Elimination Act. This ensures everyone is using the same language, and has the same understandings of key terms.

Sexual abuse includes:

- (1) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident; and
- (2) Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident includes any

of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described above.

- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
(8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

Sexual harassment includes—

- (1) 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, detainee, or resident directed toward another; and
(2) Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident 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.

Substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

The following annual reports offer a yearly comparison of the number of PREA Investigations completed based upon receipt of reports/complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. All reports are investigated.

Butte Pre-Release/Women's Transitional Center has compiled the following data regarding PREA reports, and subsequent PREA investigation results for the year of **2023**.

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There was (1) PREA Investigations in 2023.

Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2023:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Unsubstantiated (1) Substantiated female staff against a male resident (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Voyeurism: (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Substantiated (0) Unfounded

Inmate allegations made towards inmates in 2023:

Sexual Abuse: (0) Substantiated (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Unfounded

Sexual Harassment: (0) Substantiated (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Unfounded

Voyeurism: (0) Substantiated (0) Unsubstantiated (0) Unfounded

Data Comparison

While looking at data from the previous two years, it is evident staff along with the residents are more educated about PREA. In 2023 there was one (1) sexual misconduct of staff involving a female staff member and a male resident. This report was fully investigated and was substantiated. It is apparent reporting mechanisms are visible to both staff and residents and it is BPRC/WTC has taken a pro-active role in attempting to reduce prison rape. The code of silence still exists for residents and staff alike however when comparing results to previous years it shows both are reporting. The BPRC/WTC is continuing to make sure that the PREA orientation is completed according to the standards and emphasizes the importance of reporting as soon as the incident occurs if possible. All residents and staff are made aware on a continuous basis of the BPRC/WTC zero tolerance policy on prison rape.

In the past year, the COVID 19 pandemic has gradually decreased. The staff deviations have lessened and the staff coverage for the respective programs has increased.

Pursuant to PREA standards for data review (§115.288), the following will serve as an annual review for 2023 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of BPRC/WTC's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, response policies and training.




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