

In 2003, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law. PREA is aimed to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities through a "zero-tolerance" policy, as well as through research and information gathering. As a result, National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape (PREA Standards) were published in the Federal Register on June 20, 2012. The Montgomery County Correctional Facility has a zero tolerance for sexual assault/misconduct and we strive to maintain a safe and secure environment for all who are in our custody. This policy establishes standards in the area of prevention, detection, and response to such matters.

While PREA speaks directly to those in custody, all employees, contractors, and volunteers are expected to have a clear understanding that MCCF strictly prohibits any type of sexual relationship with an individual in custody, and considers such a relationship a serious breach of the standards of employee conduct and contract compliance, and these relationships will not be tolerated.

The Montgomery County Correctional Facility will ensure that all allegations of sexual abuse or harassment will be referred for investigation by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office.

How to Report Institutional Sexual Assault/Misconduct

If you have information regarding an inmate being sexually assaulted, please call:

1-844-429-5412

This is a toll free phone call that is sponsored by the PA Department of Corrections (DOC). MCCF has partnered with the DOC in order to be in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act third party reporting standard. These calls will be received by DOC staff located at the Bureau of Community Corrections Management Operations Center and directed to MCCF for immediate follow up.

Or

610-635-7100

Calls to this number will be routed to the Shift Commander who will ask you a number of questions regarding the allegations; however, it is not necessary to identify yourself.

This information will then be forwarded to an Administrator and the District Attorney's Office for their review and/or investigation if the information rises to this level and to ensure that all Department policies and procedures are followed regarding the incident.

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