

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Sexual abuse in correctional institutions is a public safety issue that can impact facility order and security. This policy ensures Troup County Correctional Institution (TCCI) is in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and the PREA National Standards.

Troup County Correctional Institution has mandated zero-tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to include inmate on inmate sexual abuse or harassment as well as employee on inmate sexual abuse or harassment. All allegations will be thoroughly investigated by outside agencies. Allegations made concerning a state inmate will be investigated by GDC Office of Investigations and Compliance and allegations made concerning a county inmate will be investigated by Troup County Sheriff's Office.

Sexual activity regardless of consensual status is strictly prohibited and subject to administrative and criminal sanctions. TCCI will adhere to Georgia Department of Corrections Standard Operations Procedures concerning PREA Policy Number: 208.06.

Any information regarding sexual abuse or harassment of an inmate can be reported via the sources below:

Ombudsman's Office at 478-992-5358

Or in writing to

State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Office of Victim Services  
2 MLK Jr. Drive, S.E., Balcony Level, East Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

In addition, inmates themselves may make reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment through confidential phone calls to the PREA hotline at 1-888-992-7849, by reporting it to any staff member at the facility, by written note to any staff member, or through their counselor. Third parties can also make reports of sexual abuse or harassment on behalf of the inmate. NOTE: Any report can be made anonymously. Any allegations of sexual abuse or harassment will be thoroughly investigated by both TCCI and also outside agencies. For inmate on inmate allegations, reports will be investigated by GDC Office of Professional Standards. For staff on inmate allegations, reports will be investigated by Troup County Sheriff's Office as well as Troup County government. Further information on the PREA policy can be found on the GDC Public Website or call Troup County C.I. at (706) 883-1720 and ask for the PREA compliance manager.

Once an allegation is brought to the attention of Troup County Correctional Institution and the victim is in a safe location, the warden will immediately contact the appropriate investigating agency and advise of the need for services. Investigations will be conducted according to GDC Policy 103.06, *Investigations of Allegations of Sexual Contact, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment of Offenders* and Troup County Sheriff's Office Policy.

The Warden shall ensure that the following actions are taken anytime he learns of an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual assault:

- Separate the alleged victim and abuser.
- Ensure Local Institutional Sexual Abuse Response Plan is enacted;
- Contact the Field Operations Manager;
- Notify the appropriate Regional SAC;
- Subsequently, submit a written notification via email to the Office of Investigations and Compliance Senior Investigator and the Department's PREA Coordinator. This reporting should follow any and all established notification procedures in place by the Facilities Division Director (for state offenders)
- Subsequently, submit a written notification via email to the Office of Investigations at Troup County Sheriff's Office and the Department's PREA Coordinator. This reporting should follow any and all established notification procedures in place by the Facilities Division Director (for county offenders)
- Troup County Correctional Institution shall cooperate with the outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigations.

Troup County Correctional Institution has had no allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment since PREA reporting began in 2012.