

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

### **Zero-Tolerance for Sexual Abuse in Detention**

Sexual abuse in detention is a vastly underreported crime. As in the community, many victims of sexual abuse in custody do not report abuse due to shame or fear that they will not be believed. It is also common for victims to face retaliation for speaking out. In recognition of these barriers, the Buena Park Police Department Detention Facility applies the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards to allow for reporting safer and easier for victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. An example of one of these reporting provisions is to accept third-party reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

A third-party reporter is someone who reports sexual abuse and sexual harassment but is neither the victim nor the abuser. The person may have been told by the victim about the abuse or harassment or witnessed it first-hand. "Third-party" includes other inmates, staff members, family members, legal representatives, contract employees, service providers, and community or religious volunteers, among others.

The Buena Park Police Department investigates all in-custody allegations of sexual abuse. What can I do if I suspect that my loved one is being subjected to harassment, pressured to have sexual relations, or is a victim of abuse or assault?

- Immediately contact the on-duty Supervisor at the Buena Park Police Department Detention Facility at (714) 562-3939 or the Buena Park Police Department at (714) 562-3901
- Encourage your loved one to report the incident and/or find support

The Buena Park Police Department has Zero-Tolerance for all forms of sexual misconduct and is dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment for detained individuals and personnel.

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