

CRIME STOPPERS

Helping solve crimes may earn you a cash reward. We want your information, not your name. If you have information and wish to contact Crime Stoppers, please dial the Crime Stoppers Hotline using your jail location PIN.



**DON'T BE A VICTIM
REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE!**

**The HCSO will not tolerate sexual abuse
or sexual harassment.**

HARRIS COUNTY JAILS

701 Jail

1200 Jail

Women's Empowerment Center

Joint Processing Center

1. Select language:

Press 1 for English/Press 2 for Spanish

2. Push 1 (for a free collect call)

3. Enter Crime Stoppers Number:

(713-222-8477)

4. Enter your personal PIN.

MISSION STATEMENT

"To enhance the safety and protect the trust of the citizens of Harris County by enforcing the law with integrity and professionalism."

"A key goal of the Harris County Sheriff's Office Detention Command is to enhance the safety of everyone within the Harris County Jail."

**NO EXCUSE
FOR SEXUAL
ABUSE**

If you or someone you know has been
sexually abused or sexually harassed
at the Harris County Jail

SAY SOMETHING!

TALK TO:

- ✓ A Staff Worker
- ✓ A Volunteer
- ✓ A Chaplain
- ✓ Anyone Who Can Assist

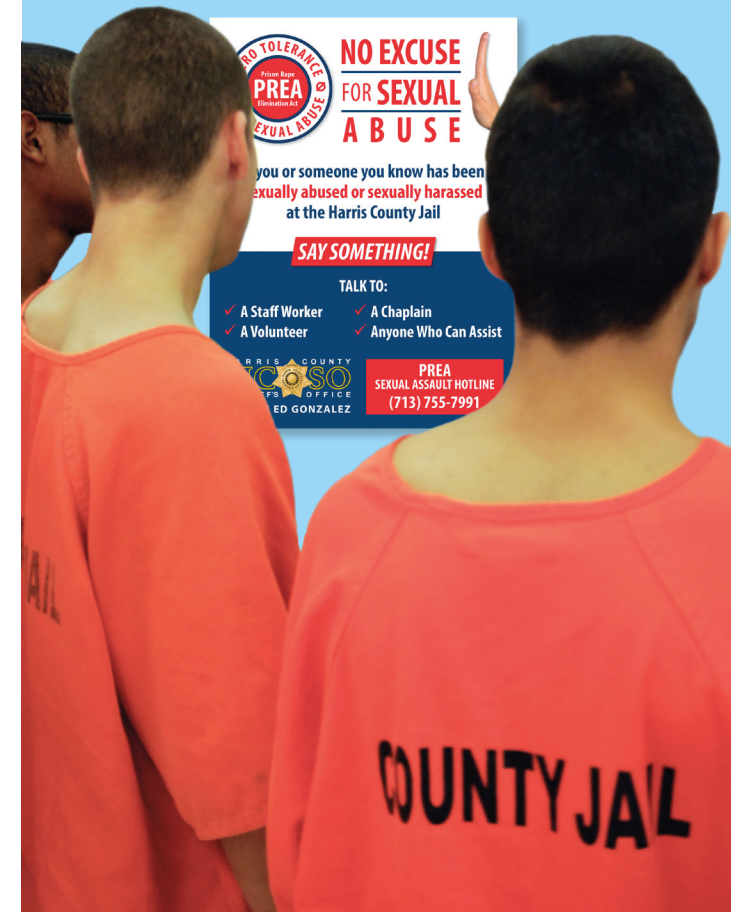
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**PREA
SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE
(832) 927-7732**

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CRIME PREVENTION GUIDE FOR INMATES



PREA

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law established to address the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and rape in correctional facilities. PREA is applicable to all federal, state, and local prisons, jails, police lock-ups, private facilities, and community settings, including correctional facilities.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office has established a policy to adhere to all PREA guidelines. The agency aims to prevent sexual misconduct through education, prevention efforts, and thorough investigations.

A zero-tolerance policy is in effect when it comes to sexual misconduct. The Harris County Sheriff's Office does not tolerate sexual abuse of inmates by staff, volunteers, contractors, or anyone else responsible for their care, custody, or control.



WHAT IS SEXUAL ABUSE?

Abuse by another inmate or an employee, contractor, or volunteer when the victim does not consent and is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse.

SEXUAL ABUSE BY ANOTHER INMATE OR STAFF MEMBER

Forced or coerced sexual intercourse or sexual contact when the victim does not consent or is unable to consent or refuse. This can involve using physical force, intimidation, bullying, and actual use of physical violence.

WHAT IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?

Repeated and unwelcomed 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.

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by an employee, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

HOW TO REPORT PREA INCIDENTS

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse or sexual harassment at any of the Harris County Jail facilities, report it immediately. Multiple avenues are available for you to report an outcry.

- ✓ **Report to any staff member**
- ✓ **Inmate Care Concern:** The information is available on the Harris County Sheriff's Office website: www.harriscountyso.org. This portal is intended for family, friends, and professional contacts such as attorneys.
- ✓ **Submit a grievance:** All grievances are treated as an emergency and shall be investigated in a timely manner.
- ✓ **Call the PREA hotline at (832) 927-7732**

The Harris County Sheriff's Office strives to provide YOU with relevant information and support services.