

2024 Annual PREA Report

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The Morrison County Jail is committed to maintaining the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and enhancing the safety and security for the inmates of the Morrison County Jail.

This report is a summary of the agency's efforts in PREA compliance for the period 2024, the first PREA audit for Morrison County Jail. The Morrison County Jail reviews all collected data to continually improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse detection, prevention, and response.

Purpose:

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, response, policies, practices, and training within the Morrison County Jail, in accordance with Standards 115.88 and 115.89 of the national PREA standards. Therein, the Morrison County Jail is required to:

1. Review and aggregate incident-based sexual abuse data annually to improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training to include:
 - a. Identifying problem areas;
 - b. Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis;
 - c. Preparing an annual report of its findings.
2. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions for those from prior years and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
3. Publish an annual report on the Morrison County's website of its findings and corrective actions for each facility as well as for the agency as a whole.

Aggregated Data:

The Morrison County Jail collects data from the referrals of investigation of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, both inmate-on-inmate and staff/contractor/volunteer-on-inmate. All personal identifying information has been redacted.

During 2024, the facility received zero complaints of staff-on-inmate sexual harassment. During 2024, the facility received zero complaints of staff-on-inmate sexual abuse. During 2024, the facility received four complaints of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment. All allegations were found to be unsubstantiated. During 2024, the facility received zero complaints of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse.

Problem Areas/Corrective Action:

1. Phone calls to victim advocate and PREA Coordinator were free of charge for the inmates.
2. Updated the staffing plan.
3. Updated our templates for coordinated response and retaliation monitoring.
4. Added definitions onto our PREA policy.

Conclusion:

The goal of the Morrison County Jail is to provide the highest possible level of safety to those in our care in all aspects. We remain committed to consistently demonstrating full compliance with all PREA standards requirements. In doing so, we believe we provide our inmates with a safe and secure environment where they can work towards a changed and successful transition into the community.