

PRISONRAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

In May of 2019, Spokane County Juvenile Detention successfully completed their second Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit. This important accomplishment demonstrates our dedication to our agency's mission, which includes safety and security for youth, staff, and our community. We are proud to report we exceeded audit expectations in 5 areas and were found to be in compliance in all remaining areas.

The 2019 PREA audit was not the first completed by our agency. In May of 2014, our facility completed their first PREA audit; becoming the first facility in the State of Washington to achieve the distinction of becoming a PREA certified Juvenile Detention center.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 is a Federal law established to address prevention and elimination of sexual assault and rape in correctional systems. PREA applies to all federal, state, and local prisons, jails, juvenile detention facilities, police lock-ups, private facilities, and community settings such as residential facilities. Final PREA rules and implementations were adopted for action in 2012. Following adoption, our agency took action to develop PREA policies and voluntarily completed two successful PREA audits.

We take pride in our efforts to ensure youth safety and a standard of zero tolerance of sexual abuse and harassment. A copy of the full audit report can be found on the Juvenile Court website: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/680/Compliance-With-Prison-Rape-Elimination>