

Owensboro Regional Recovery Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) 2024 Annual Report



Introduction

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) was signed into federal law with the purpose to provide for the analysis of incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape. In 2012, the Bureau of Prisons published standardized guidelines promulgated by the Attorney General of the United States. PREA applies to all public and private institutions that house adult or juvenile offenders.

Owensboro Regional Recovery maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and harassment of offenders. All sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations are investigated. Each case is documented on an incident report and entered into the Kentucky Online Offender Management System (KOMS). The facility is required to complete an administrative investigation. Allegations can also be criminally investigated by Probation and Parole investigators, depending on the nature of the alleged incident. Upon completion of each investigation, appropriate disciplinary action is taken against the perpetrator.

Owensboro Regional Recovery compiles and investigates PREA allegations in four major categories: 1) Staff-to-Inmate Abuse (S/I Abuse); 2) Staff-to-Inmate Harassment (S/I Harassment); 3) Inmate-to-Inmate Abuse (I/I Abuse); and 4) Inmate-to-Inmate Harassment (I/I Harassment).

Upon completion of the investigation, all allegations will be deemed one of the four dispositions:

1. Substantiated: determined the event did occur.
2. Unsubstantiated: evidence was insufficient to make a final determination as to whether the event did or did not occur.
3. Unfounded: determined the event not to have occurred.
4. Not PREA: determined to not meet the definition of a PREA allegation.

Total Allegations

During the calendar year 2024, there were 2 PREA allegations reported at Owensboro Regional Recovery. Out of the 2 allegations 2 were substantiated.

Description	Allegations
Unsubstantiated	0
Unfounded	0
Not PREA	0
Substantiated	2

Total Allegations by Type

Description	Type Reports
S/I Harassment	2
S/I Abuse	0
I/I Harassment	0
I/I Abuse	0
Total Allegations	2

Yearly Comparison

YEAR	Substantiated Allegations
2017	1
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	0
2023	0
2024	2

This report is published in accordance with PREA standard 115.287, 288, and 289. All allegations are taken seriously and thoroughly investigated.

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