



City of Issaquah Jail

2016 Annual PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Report

What is PREA?

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to address the elimination and prevention of sexual assault, sexual misconduct and harassment for those who are incarcerated. Sexual misconduct under this law includes:

- ◆ Inmate-on-Inmate sexual assault and abuse
- ◆ Staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct (sexual/inappropriate relationships with inmates)
- ◆ Inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate sexual harassment

The City of Issaquah Police Department and Jail is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for staff and inmates. The City has zero tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility immediately responds to allegations, thoroughly investigates all reported incidents, and will pursue disciplinary action and criminal charges if applicable. The City of Issaquah Jail's policies regarding sexual misconduct apply to all inmates. They also apply to employees, contractors, and volunteers.

General Information

During calendar year 2016, there were a total of 2660 new admissions into the City of Issaquah Jail. These admissions include repeat inmates booked on new charges and persons booked into and housed in our jail by formal legal document and by the authority of the courts or some other official agency. Of the new admissions, 2081 were male, and 579 were female. The average daily population of the City of Issaquah Jail was 52.5 inmates.

The City of Issaquah Jail uses the Survey of Sexual Victimization, provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, to categorize and collect its data.

That survey utilizes the definition of "sexual abuse" as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the *National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape* (under the Prison Rape

Elimination Act of 2003). For purposes of data collection, sexual abuse is disaggregated into three categories of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization.

These categories are located on the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Statistics site: <https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=tp&tid=20>

PREA 2016 data

The chart below depicts the number of complaints/incidents of Inmate-on-Inmate, Staff-on-Inmate, and Inmate-on-Staff that occurred during 2016. Defined outcomes of complaints are found at <https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=tp&tid=20>

Type of Allegation	Reported	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Referred
<i>Inmate on Inmate</i>					
Nonconsensual	1	0	0	1	0
Sexual Act-Attempted	0	0	0	0	0
Nonconsensual Sexual Act	0	0	0	0	0
Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Harassment					
<i>Staff on Inmate</i>					
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Inmate on Staff</i>					
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0

The following are actions to be taken by the City of Issaquah Jail in 2017 to be proactive in preventing and/or addressing sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

1. Continued review of all department policies to ensure compliance with PREA standards and related expectations.
2. Updating/continued PREA training to all staff, contractors, volunteers and vendors who have contact with inmates.
3. Specialized training for investigators of reported PREA violations.
3. Partnering with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center for support services to inmate sexual assault victims.

The City of Issaquah Jail is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for staff and inmates. Prevention of sexual assault, abuse or misconduct, is of paramount importance.

