



RAVALLI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – DETENTION DIVISION

PREA [Prison Rape Elimination Act] (2003)

ZERO TOLERANCE

Steps to Avoid Victimization

AS INMATES YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ✓ Avoid isolated areas when possible.
- ✓ Stay within eyesight of correctional staff.
- ✓ Be aware of your body language. Do not walk with your head down and or eyes lowered.
- ✓ Do not accept food, clothing or other items (commissary) from inmates. Do not go into debt in any manner. You may be expected to “repay” these debts with sexual favors.
- ✓ Beware of inmates who say they will protect you. Protection often has a cost.
- ✓ Do not purchase large amounts of commissary or otherwise give the impression of having money available to you.
- ✓ Avoid talking about sex and avoid unnecessary or casual nudity.
- ✓ You have the right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- ✓ How to report any incident of sexual misconduct.
- ✓ The right to be free from any form of retaliation from reporting incidents of sexual misconduct.

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FOR SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARRASMENT

RIGHT TO REPORT

If you or someone you know, are experiencing sexual abuse or sexual harassment, Ravalli County Sheriff's Office wants to know. We want you to report right away! Why?

- We want to keep YOU safe. It is our job! It is your right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment.
- We want to conduct an investigation of the reported incident.
- We want to hold the perpetrator accountable for his/her actions.
- We want to provide YOU with relevant information and support services.

HOW TO REPORT

Ravalli County Sheriff's Office offers multiple ways to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Reports can be made anonymously.

- Report to any staff, volunteer, contractor, or medical or mental health staff.
- Submit a PREA request.
- Report to the Detention Commander or Sergeant.
- Tell a family member, friend, legal counsel or anyone else outside the facility. They can report on your behalf by calling (406)363-3033 (Dispatch) or (406)375-4080 (Detention Receptionist).
- You can also submit a report on someone's behalf, or someone at the facility can report for you using the ways listed here.