

## **Snake River Juvenile Detention Center PREA Report for 2020**

The Snake River Juvenile Detention Center places emphasis on the importance of training for all staff, including detention officers, medical and mental health staff, volunteers, and juveniles in the area of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Every year, all parents, who come in to visit their children in custody, are also given a pamphlet on PREA and sign an understanding of our policy.

The Snake River Juvenile Detention Center has a “Zero Tolerance” policy and approach in all aspects of daily functions. Any and all accusations are thoroughly investigated. The investigation agency continued to be the Twin Falls City Police Department for 2020. Management and staff will always cooperate with any investigation. Any accusation under PREA is taken seriously.

Information gathered during investigations is used to enhance the safety, security, policies, procedures and training within the facility.

The Snake River Juvenile Detention Center completed and passed its second PREA Audit on August 28, 2019. The auditor was Steven G. Jett.

There was one report of youth-on-youth sexual harassment that was substantiated when the offending youth admitted to sexually harassing the reporting youth. As soon as the harassment was reported, the two individuals were separated and an investigation was started by PREA Coordinator Janaan Van Zante and Shift Supervisor Samantha Hite. The two individuals lived in separate housing wings, ate meals in separate shifts, and participated in activities and schooling on a different schedule. This incident was a verbal sexual harassment. Once the two individuals were separated there was no further incident of sexual harassment by the offending youth.

For any of the other documents that must be published per PREA Compliance please refer to – <http://twinfallscounty.org/juvenile/detention/>.

For any questions you can contact Detention Manager Paul Shepherd or Training/PREA Coordinator Janaan Van Zante at (208)736-2588.

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For additional information on the Prison Rape Elimination Act go to -  
<https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/about/prison-rape-elimination-act>