

VILAS COUNTY JAIL

Preventing Sexual Assault and Harassment

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Inmate Guide

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse in the confinement facilities. PREA applies to all federal, state, and local prisons, jails, police lock-ups, and private facilities.

Vilas County has a Zero Tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders. We recognize the seriousness of such assaults along with the impact this has on the victim, the correctional environment, the community and society. Vilas County considers the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of sexual assault and sexual harassment a priority and an integral component of operating a safe and secure jail.

The Vilas County Jail will respond to allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment and be consistent with the following goals:

- Investigate and respond in a timely, humane, and respectful manner.
- Maintain confidentiality of the investigation and sensitivity towards the victim.
- Provide the victim with follow-up medical and mental health services as appropriate.
- Hold accountable those in violation of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

We offer different ways to notify the Jail or Sheriff's Department to report sexual abuse or harassment. You may report it verbally to a corrections officer or sergeant, you may ask for paper and an envelope, or you may request a communication form. You may also contact the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, or the Vilas County Human Resources.

Vilas County Sheriff's Office
330 Court St
Eagle River, WI 54521
(715) 479-4441

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence
and Sexual Assault
3715 Country Dr
Rhineland, WI 54501
(800) 236-1222 (Non-recorded Call)

Vilas County Human Resources
330 Court St
Eagle River, WI 54521
(715) 479-3795 (Non-recorded Call)

To report to a family member or friend confidentially, please contact the jail administrator or jail sergeant.