

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What happens when a report of alleged resident sexual abuse is reported?

The Applewhite Recovery Center (ARC) requires any allegation of sexual abuse against a resident to be referred for a criminal investigation through the Bexar County Sheriff's Office to determine if there was criminal behavior. The ARC maintains a "Zero Tolerance" policy for all forms of sexual abuse and all allegations are taken seriously.

What happens when a report of alleged resident sexual harassment is reported?

The ARC will address all allegations of sexual harassment to determine if a violation occurred. All residents have a right to be free from sexual harassment and the ARC maintains a "Zero Tolerance" policy.

Who can tell me if a report is being investigated?

The ARC PREA Coordinator will respond to inquiries regarding a report of resident sexual abuse/sexual assault/sexual harassment but the Bexar County Sheriff's Office or Prosecuting Attorney will have to be contacted to provide specifics due to any criminal investigation.

Who makes a referral for a criminal investigation?

Investigation referrals for alleged sexual abuse of a resident may be made by a resident, a family member or friend of the resident, or any member of the ARC staff. Extreme and/or observed cases of sexual abuse/assault will be reported to 911 for immediate response to the victim(s). Referrals will also be made to agencies for which the facility coordinates concerning medical investigation.

How will I know the outcome of an investigation concerning any PREA allegations?

Any allegations concerning criminal sexual abuse/sexual assault will be handled directly through the Bexar County Sheriff's Office. If an allegation(s) is handled administratively through the ARC, the PREA Coordinator will advise the resident as to the outcome of the investigation.

The Applewhite Recovery Center is not authorized to conduct criminal investigations.

What is the responsibility of outside entities involved with investigating resident sexual abuse/assault?

Local law enforcement will conduct independent criminal investigations and refer to the appropriate prosecuting official. The prosecutor will determine if enough evidence exists to send a case to trial.