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PREA PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

The Prison Rape Elimination Act was passed unanimously by both parties in Congress in 2003 and signed into law by President George W. Bush. The act aimed to curb prison rape through a "zero-tolerance" policy. The act called for developing national standards to prevent incidents of sexual violence in prison. The purpose of the act is to "provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape." (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003.)

The Uinta County Detention Center supports a Zero-Tolerance policy on sexual violence and support compliance by training of Deputies and Inmates on this mindset. In accordance with the PREA national standard 115.88 this report is being made available to the public via the Uinta County Sheriff Web site.

<https://www.uintacounty.com/96/Detention-Center>. The Uinta County Detention Center has multiple ways for victims and their families to report any allegations. The Uinta County Detention Center uses the same four categories to determine and categorize sexual acts as set out by the Wyoming Department of Corrections and the Department of Justice. The categories are as follows:

- Sexual Abuse (offender on offender)
- Sexual Abuse (staff on offender)
- Sexual Harassment (staff on offender and/or offender on offender)

- Voyeurism (staff on offender)

The Uinta County Detention Center went through its first audit by an independent auditor in January of 2021 and have made the proper adjustments and changes to be certified on all PREA national standards by July of 2021. Uinta County Detentions center has always observed these standards, however policy changes, camera additions and additional trainings for investigations were improved upon.

The Uinta County Detention Center went through it's second audit by an independent auditor in March of 2024 and have made the proper adjustments and changes to remain certified on all PREA national standards.

Exceeds PREA National Standards	PREA National Standards Met	PREA National Standards Not Met	PREA Standards Not Applicable

Incidents Reported

	Sexual Abuse inmate on inmate	Sexual Abuse staff on inmate with or without consent	Voyeurism Staff/contractor/volunteer	Sexual Harassment: repeated verbal comments, gestures or actions of staff or inmates

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<u>Substantiates =S</u> <u>Unsubstantiated=U</u>	S	U	S	U	S	U	S	U
Uinta County Detention Center	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
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Incident Summery

The Uinta County Detention Center responded and investigate 3 allegations in 2025 which are as follows.

Allegation one was classified as Sexual Abuse: Verbal comments and Physical touch during an altercation of inmate/inmate. The allegations and the case were investigated and both the allegations between inmate/inmate were unsubstantiated and received a decline to prosecute.

Allegation two was classified as verbal sexual harassmt/Sexual Abuse: Verbal comments between inmate/inmate. The allegations and the case were investigated and were unsubstantiated. PREA auditor contacted to oversee the case.

Allegation three was classified as Sexual Harassment: Verbal comments inmate/Deputy. The allegations were investigated and the allegations were unsubstantiated.

Comparative Data

The Uinta County Detention center has previously responded to all allegations of sexual abuse or conduct and they have been investigated. PREA has improved the data collection of this agency. This being the first posted Annual Report there is no other report to compare the data with.

Specific Efforts to Improve on PREA Standards

The Uinta County Detention center has improved throughout the last year in relation to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

- UCSO entered into its second audit to be compliant with PREA standards.
- UCSO held annual training for Detention Deputies. All Deputies assigned to the detention center completed the annual training.
- UCSO held annual training for Volunteers, Contractors and County Workers. All Volunteer's, Contractors and County workers completed the annual training.
- UCSO improved policy's to be compliant with PREA standards.
- UCSO added a way to report if inmates are feeling safe inside the facility and a PREA questionnaire that cycles every 30 days.

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Sheriff Andy Kopp
Uinta County Sheriff