

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 is a federal law that seeks to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This law applies to all federal and state prisons, jails, police lock-ups, private detention facilities, juvenile facilities, and community correctional settings.

Zero Tolerance

The Clallam County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and the **Clallam County Correctional Facility (CCCF)** have a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse. Sheriff Bill Benedict is committed to *zero-tolerance of any form of sexual abuse at CCCF*. Zero tolerance means that even one incident is too many.

The Sheriff's Office will respond to allegations immediately, fully investigate reported incidents, pursue disciplinary action, and refer for investigation and prosecution those who perpetrate such conduct. Allegations will be treated with discretion and confidentiality, to the extent permitted by law.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

All inmates in our facility are educated about how to report abuse while at CCCF.

If you were the victim of a sexual abuse while in the custody of CCCF or if you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person in the custody of CCCF, you may report it by calling **CCCF at (360) 360-417-2458 Option 5**.

Or, you may **contact the Port Angeles Police Department** and make a report to Deputy Chief Brian S. Smith by **email at bsmith@cityofpa.us** **or by calling (360) 417-4902**.

You can make a report anonymously or request to remain anonymous. Please include the following information in your call or email:

- Nature of the incident;
- Name of the victim;
- Name of the suspect; and
- Time and date of the sexual abuse.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding our zero-tolerance policy, please contact our PREA Coordinator, Sergeant Wendy Peterson at wpeterson@co.clallam.co.us

Link to CCCF PREA Policy

Link to PREA Standards

<http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/library/prisonsandjailsfinalstandards.pdf>