

## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

THE SALUDA COUNTY  
DETENTION CENTER IS  
COMMITTED TO THE  
SAFETY AND SECURITY  
OF ITS INMATE  
POPULATION,

THE SALUDA COUNTY  
DETENTION CENTER  
SUPPORTS A **ZERO**  
**TOLERANCE POLICY** FOR  
INMATE SEXUAL  
MISCONDUCT, ANY  
FORM OF CONSENSUAL  
SEXUAL CONTACT,  
SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL  
HARASSMENT AND RAPE  
BY ANY INMATE OF  
ANOTHER INMATE OR BY  
ANY STAFF MEMBER,  
CONTRACT WORKER, OR  
VOLUNTEER OF AN  
INMATE.

## **SALUDA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER**



### **THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND VISITORS**

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# PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) OF 2003

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**The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003** is a federal Act established to support detection, investigation and prevention of sexual assaults, sexual misconduct and harassment in correctional settings. PREA addresses inmate-to-inmate and staff-to-inmate sexual assaults.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE**

The Saluda County Detention Center supports the PREA, and is committed to the safety and security of inmates. The detention center has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for sexual misconduct, consensual sexual activity, rape, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. All incidents will be treated as serious offenses. Perpetrators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Victimized inmates will be provided access to mental health, medical, and victim services. All reports of any incidents of sexual abuse and harassment will be handled confidentially.

## **REPORT INCIDENTS!**

We have implemented ways you can confidentially report sexual misconduct on behalf of an inmate. By making us aware, you are not only assisting us in our zero tolerance efforts, but you are also allowing victimized inmates the ability to access treatment and other services to help them deal with the consequences of being victimized. You can:

**Please  
Report Any  
Known or  
Suspected  
Incidents!**

**REPORT sexual abuse to any staff member, the PREA Coordinator, or to the Administrator either verbally, by phone, or by mail. If you report to a staff member, your report will be documented and turned over to the PREA Coordinator and to the Administrator for appropriate investigation.**

Once you report an incident, your report will be investigated confidentially. You can also confidentially report activity you have witnessed or have been informed happened to another inmate.

**Please know, that the detention center does require that as a condition of processing your report, that the alleged victim agree to have the report filed on his/her behalf.**

## **WAYS YOU CAN HELP!**

Tell your family member, friend, associate, or client to follow these important prevention tips:

- **Never accept gifts from other inmates, employees, volunteers, or contractors. If they are presented with gifts, tell them to report this information. This can be the first step toward preventing any further incidents.**
- Be cautious of inmates who offer to protect them. Immediately report such activity directly to a staff member.
- **Always try to stay in plain view of an officer or staff member**
- Always report any situation where they or another inmate is pressuring them for sexual favors.
- **If they are the victim, tell them to report the incident immediately. If they are afraid to report an incident, reassure them that all incidents will be investigated confidentially. Also, let them know the detention center has implemented procedures to guard against retaliation. If they won't report the incident, then you report the incident. The detention center's goal is to identify, investigate, and prevent further victimization.**