

MERS/Goodwill Residential Reentry Center and State Halfway House

PREA Information

MERS/Goodwill has a **ZERO-TOLERANCE** policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment within its residential programs/ facility. The intent of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is to ensure a safe, humane, and secure environment, free from the threat of sexual abuse and sexual harassment for all clients and employees, volunteers, and contractors.

Any sexual contact between a client and an employee, volunteer, or contractor is sexual abuse. All forms of sexual contact and sexual harassment between clients and between clients and employees/volunteers/contractors are prohibited by MERS/Goodwill policy and may be against Missouri law. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment will be investigated, with all allegations of sexual abuse referred for criminal investigation. Therefore, if you are aware of any such incidents, you have a duty to report them.

Offenders

Residents are encouraged to report offender sexual abuse immediately. Residents are provided a number of ways to report abuse that includes contacting the Missouri Department of Corrections or Federal Bureau of Prisons, reporting to a trusted staff member, or through the offender grievance process.

Staff

Staff having knowledge of offender-on-offender or staff-on-offender sexual abuse must report immediately to the program Director while keeping the victim safe.

Friends and Family

Friends and family of residents may report offender sexual abuse and harassment by calling the facility at **314-231-6100**.

Friends and family of State Halfway House residents under the supervision of the Missouri Department of Corrections may also report offender sexual abuse and harassment by:

Calling	Writing	Emailing
573-526-9003	PREA Unit Missouri Department of Corrections 2728 Plaza Drive Jefferson City, MO 65109	DOC.PREA@doc.mo.gov

Friends and family of Federal Bureau of Prisons Residential Reentry Center residents may also report offender sexual abuse and harassment in writing to one of the addresses below:

Inmate abuse of other inmates:

Federal Bureau of Prisons
 National PREA Coordinator
 Correctional Programs Division
 320 First St. NW, Room 554
 Washington, DC 20534

Staff abuse of inmates:

Federal Bureau of Prisons
 Office of Internal Affairs
 320 First St. NW, Room 600
 Washington, DC 20534

To initiate an investigation, please provide information about the incident(s) including: the dates, times, and locations where each incident took place; names of the inmates, staff, or others who were involved; and their identifying information. Any detail you can provide will greatly assist our investigation.

Investigations

MERS/Goodwill refers all criminal allegations, or potentially criminal allegations, to the St. Louis City Police Department for criminal investigations. MERS/Goodwill cooperates with and provides support to the St. Louis City Police in their investigation and endeavors to remain informed about the progress of all investigations.

Trained MERS/Goodwill investigators conduct all non-criminal investigations.

Additional PREA Resources

Federal Bureau of Prisons

[http://www.bop.gov/inmates/custody and care/sexual abuse prevention.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/inmates/custody_and_care/sexual_abuse_prevention.jsp)

Missouri Department of Corrections <http://doc.mo.gov/OD/PREA.php>