



**PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT
(PREA)**

Standards For Juvenile Facilities



The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a Federal Law, enacted in 2003, that was created to eliminate sexual abuse in juvenile confinement facilities.

The Newport News Department of Juvenile Services shall have a “ZERO TOLERANCE” mandate toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

§ 115.322: Policies to Ensure Referrals of Allegations for Investigation

A. The Department of Juvenile Services shall ensure that an administrative and/or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

1. The Department of Juvenile Services shall conduct the administrative investigation
2. The Newport News Police Department shall conduct the criminal investigation

B. The Department of Juvenile Services shall refer allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to the Newport News Police Department for investigation.

1. The Newport News Police Department has the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations.
2. The Department of Juvenile Services shall conduct an administrative investigation on any allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that does not involve potentially criminal behavior.
3. The Department of Juvenile Services shall publish on its website and on printed materials its compliance with PREA and that all allegations of sexual abuse or misconduct shall be referred to the Newport News Police Department for investigation.
4. The Department of Juvenile Services shall document all such referrals to the Newport News Police Department.

NOTE (1): Any State entity responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in juvenile facilities shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations.

NOTE (2): Any Department of Justice component responsible for conducting administrative or criminal investigations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in juvenile facilities shall have in place a policy governing the conduct of such investigations.