

**General Public Information  
Prison Rape Elimination Act  
(PREA)  
Indiana County Jail**

The Indiana County Jail will act to reduce sexual abuse and sexual harassment of prisoners through prisoner orientation, screening, assessment, classification, monitoring, counseling and investigation, including criminal investigation/charges of alleged sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The Indiana County Jail strictly prohibits and has zero tolerance of any sexual abuse or sexual harassment by any correctional staff, contractor, or volunteer.

**ZERO TOLERANCE STATEMENT**

The Indiana County Jail prohibits any form of sexual harassment or sexual abuse with an inmate. Anyone who engages in, fails to report, or knowingly condones, sexual harassment or sexual abuse with an inmate shall be subject to disciplinary actions and may be subject to criminal prosecution. An inmate, employee, contractor, visitor, volunteer, or any individual who has business with or uses the resources of the Indiana County Jail is subject to disciplinary action and/or sanctions, including possible dismissal and termination of contracts and/or services, if found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual abuse with an inmate. A claim of consent will not be accepted as an affirmative defense for engaging in sexual harassment or sexual abuse with an inmate. An inmate who reports sexual harassment or sexual abuse or a staff member who reports sexual harassment or sexual abuse with an inmate will be protected from retaliation.

**GENERAL PUBLIC REPORTING PROCEDURES**

- Tell any correctional staff member
- Call the jail directly and report at 724-471-7500, ask for the Sergeant on duty.
- Write a complaint to the jail at:  
Attn: PREA Coordinator  
Indiana County Jail  
665 Hood School Road  
Indiana, PA 15701
- Contact the private PREA complaint phone number at 1-844-429-5412 at the BCC MOC Bureau of Community Corrections Management Operations Center
- Human Resources Department for Indiana County  
724-465-3804 Monday – Friday Excluding County Holidays  
Indiana County Commissioner’s Office/HR Director  
825 Philadelphia Street  
Indiana, PA 15701

## **SERVICE AGENCIES**

- The Alice Paul House 724-349-4444
- The Open Door 877-333-2470
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-HOPE (4673)
- PA Department of Public Welfare Child Line 1-800-932-0313

## **FALSE/FICTITIOUS REPORTS WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE**

Cross References. Section 4905 is referred to in Section 5552 of Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure).

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### § 4906 False Reports to law enforcement authorities

- (a) Falsely incriminating another-Except as provided in subsection (c), a person who knowingly gives false information to any law enforcement officer with intent to implicate another commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- (b) Fictitious Reports – Except as provided in subsection (c), a person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if he:
  - (1) reports to law enforcement authorities an offense or other incident within their concern knowing that it did not occur; or
  - (2) pretends to furnish such authorities with information relating to an offense or incident when he knows he has no information relating to such offense or incident.
- (c) Grading –
  - (1) If the violation of subsection (a) or (b) occurs during a declared state of emergency and the false report causes the resources of the law enforcement authority to be diverted from dealing with the declared state of emergency, the offense shall be graded one step greater than set forth in the applicable subsection.
  - (2) If the violation of subsection (a) or (b) relates to a false report of a theft or loss of a firearm, as defined in section 5515 (relating to prohibiting of paramilitary training), the offense shall be graded one step greater than that set forth in the applicable subsection.

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