

## How would I know if my family member/friend is being victimized?

*A victim of sexual assault may:*

- ◇ *Report trouble sleeping*
- ◇ *Have a loss of appetite*
- ◇ *Report headaches and/or stomachaches*
- ◇ *Appear withdrawn*
- ◇ *Indicate fear for their safety*
- ◇ *Be more aggressive or angry*
- ◇ *Allow their personal hygiene to deteriorate*
- ◇ *Have episodes of unexplained crying*

## How can you help?

- ⇒ *Listen, be supportive and patient*
- ⇒ *Encourage your loved one to report the abuse*
- ⇒ *Report the abuse on their behalf*

## Reporting Options:

- 1) Speak to any staff member in-person and verbally report the information you have
- 2) Speak to the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and verbally report the information you have
- 3) Write a letter to the following:  

HACTC  
Attn: Jail Administrator  
110 Industrial Road  
Rugby, ND 58368
- 4) Call HACTC @ 701.776.2221 and speak to the Jail Administrator, Director of Security, or Shift Supervisor.

When reporting, it is critical that you provide as many details as possible including:

- \* Name of person(s) involved
- \* Names of witnesses
- \* A description of when and where the incident occurred and what happened.

## Heart of America Correctional & Treatment Center (HACTC)

110 Industrial Road  
Rugby, ND 58368

Phone: 701.776.2221

Fax: 701.776.2248

Website: [www.piercecountynd.gov](http://www.piercecountynd.gov)



## Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003 (PREA)

## Information for Family and Friends

## What is PREA?

The Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003 (PREA) is a Federal law that was signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003. The law was created to address the problem of sexual misconduct within confinement facilities.

National PREA standards to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment were released by the Department of Justice in 2012.

PREA prohibits sexual misconduct in correctional facilities such as prisons, jails, lockups, and juvenile facilities.



# HACTC has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for all forms of sexual conduct between inmates and staff, volunteers, contractors, or other inmates.

HACTC will investigate all allegations of sexual misconduct in a fair, professional, and confidential manner.

All HACTC staff, volunteers, and contractors receive education on our zero-tolerance policy and how to report sexual misconduct.

All victims of sexual assault will be provided medical and mental health care.

Perpetrators of sexual assault will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Consensual acts of sex between inmates and staff does not exist.

Consensual acts of sex between inmates housed at HACTC is against facility rule

## *Resources*

**Just Detention International:**

[www.justdetention.org](http://www.justdetention.org)

**Domestic Violence Crisis Center located in Minot, ND**

[www.courage4change.org](http://www.courage4change.org)

**PREA Resource Center**

[www.prearesourcecenter.org/](http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/)

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