



# Pitkin County Sheriff's Office

## *PREA STATEMENT*

The Prison Rape Elimination Act was passed in 2003 by the Bush administration.

The intent of this act was, as its name implies, the reduction and elimination of the chronic culture of sexual assault among incarcerated populations. While the act is titled "Prison Rape Elimination", the standards apply to all facilities and institutions that hold incarcerated populations. The goal of this act is to eliminate sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct in these populations, whether they are staff against inmate or inmate against inmate. A major tenant of this act is zero tolerance.

**The Pitkin County Jail has a zero tolerance for sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct of any kind.**

There are various ways to report an incident on behalf of someone else. This report may be done anonymously, and the victim does not have to cooperate with the investigation. All reports will be investigated thoroughly.

Here is a link to the reporting form: <http://www.pitkincounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/2319>

**To submit this form, you can;**

**Email it to:** The Pitkin County Jail PREA coordinator at [don.bird@pitkinsheriff.com](mailto:don.bird@pitkinsheriff.com)

**Mail it to:**

Don Bird, PREA Coordinator

506 E Main St. Department J

Aspen, CO 81611

**There are also other ways to report:**

Call the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office (970)-920-5300

Call the Pitkin County Sheriff's Investigator (970)-315-0025

Call the 9th Judicial Investigator at (970)-315-3282

While these types of incidents have been known to occur in some facilities, they have never been a part of the culture of this facility and would not have been condoned or overlooked in the past. Our current status is to be in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act. The Pitkin County Sheriff and the Jail Administration and staff are committed to a safe and respectful environment for staff and inmates.