Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that prohibits and seeks to eliminate sexual abuse and sexual harassment in correctional institutions and community corrections settings. The Safer Foundation is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for staff and residents.

- Safer Foundation has zero tolerance for sexual abuse or sexual harassment of any person or sexual relationships between staff and residents
- Residents who have consensual sexual contact with another offender will be disciplined
- Residents who initiate non-consensual sexual contact with another offender will be disciplined and referred to law enforcement
- Employees, contract staff, and volunteers who engage in sexual contact or sexual misconduct with offenders will be terminated and referred for criminal prosecution when applicable

How to Report Institutional Sexual Abuse and/or Staff Sexual Misconduct:

If you have information regarding a resident who has been sexually abused or sexually harassed while under IDOC custody or community supervision, please call 217-558-4013. Calls to this number at IDOC headquarters are recorded. Messages are checked periodically by staff of the Investigations Unit Monday through Friday, during business hours. You do not have to give your name, but it is critical that you provide as many details as possible.

This includes:

- Name(s) and locations of persons involved
- Name(s) or description of any witnesses to the incident
- IDOC offender number (if an offender)
- Brief description of the incident(s)
- Brief description of where the event(s) occurred
- Date(s), time, and place of occurrence(s)
- Names and contact information of others who might have additional information about the incident
- Your contact phone number and address (optional)

Safer Foundation investigates all allegations of resident–on–resident sexual abuse and staff sexual misconduct. Investigations are initiated by staff at the Adult Transition Center and the Investigation Unit at IDOC headquarters. **Please understand without detailed information it is difficult to investigate a sexual abuse or sexual harassment situation.**

Reporting Information for Adult Transition Center(s) residents:

Residents housed at one of the Safer Foundation Adult transition Center(s) are urged to report allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Residents can report by submitting a request slip, a grievance, telling a trusted staff member, or asking a family member or friend to call the report line.