

MCKENZIE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



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The McKenzie County Correctional Facility (MCCF) is dedicated to enforcing a zero-tolerance policy toward sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment within the facility. All incarcerated individuals have the right to be free from sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment from other inmates and staff members. The MCCF implements standards set forth in the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003, as well as any applicable local, state, and federal laws. On a yearly basis, MCCF collects and compares data from the previous year pertaining to reported and suspected sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This allows MCCF to identify problem areas and take ongoing corrective action to improve the prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment within our facility.

In 2024, MCCF had seven allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment. These allegations were investigated by a trained PREA investigator. One of those was determined to be unsubstantiated (investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred)) and the other six were unfounded (investigated and determined not to have happened).

In 2024, MCCF had one allegation of staff-on-inmate sexual harassment. This allegation was investigated by a trained PREA investigator and the incident was determined to be unfounded (investigated and determined not to have happened).

The number of PREA allegations in 2024 (8) was significantly higher than the number of allegations in 2023 (3). However, MCCF has maintained an increased inmate population anywhere between 95-105. Again, we are contributing these statistics to the steady increase in inmate population. The increase in numbers began in 2023 and continues into 2025 due to housing inmates from the North Dakota Department of Corrections. MCCF continues to be committed to enforcing a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

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