

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 2025, MCCF had four 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 the event occurred) and the other three were unfounded (investigated and determined not to have happened).

In 2025, MCCF had one allegation of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse. This allegation was investigated by a training PREA investigator. This allegation was determined to be unfounded (investigated and determined not to have happened).

In 2025, MCCF had two allegations of staff-on-inmate sexual abuse. These allegations were investigated by a trained PREA investigator, and the incidents were determined to be unfounded (investigated and determined not to have happened).

The number of PREA allegations dropped from eight in 2024 to seven in 2025. After comparing data from 2024 and the previous year, and the staffing plan, there is no current trend in data suggesting problematic areas. MCCF continues to be committed to enforcing a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

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McKenzie County Correctional Facility PREA Data- 2025

Inmate Allegations Against Staff	
Sexual Abuse- Substantiated	0
Sexual Abuse- Unsubstantiated	0
Sexual Abuse- Unfounded	2
Sexual Harassment- Substantiated	0
Sexual Harassment- Unsubstantiated	0
Sexual Harassment- Unfounded	0

Inmate Allegations Against Inmates	
Sexual Abuse- Substantiated	0
Sexual Abuse- Unsubstantiated	0
Sexual Abuse- Unfounded	1
Sexual Harassment- Substantiated	0
Sexual Harassment- Unsubstantiated	1
Sexual Harassment- Unfounded	3