

SPOKANE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT



ANNUAL REPORT ON PREA

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



Federal Law established to address prevention and elimination of sexual assault and rape in correctional systems, implemented for action in 2012.

Spokane County Juvenile Detention Center began pursuing PREA certification in 2013. They received their first successfully completed audit in 2014. They were the first facility in the State of Washington to achieve the distinction of becoming a PREA certified Juvenile Detention Center. Spokane County Juvenile Detention Center takes pride in ensuring youth safety and has a standard of zero tolerance of sexual abuse and harassment.

A copy of all prior audit reports can be found on the Juvenile Court website: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/680/Compliance-With-Prison-Rape-Elimination>

Youth education and protection

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Spokane County Juvenile Detention has a **ZERO** tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment by youth or staff. Youth have a right to be safe from sexual abuse or harassment. Every report will be investigated.

If you or any other youth have been sexually abused or harassed,

PLEASE REPORT IT

Tell a Juvenile Detention Correction (JDC) Staff, a Shift Supervisor, the Medical Staff, a Counselor, a Probation Counselor, a Teacher, your Attorney or Advocate.
Tell a trusted adult.

-OR-

Youth will fill out an Emergency Grievance Form and put it in a sealed envelope with “DM” (Detention Manager) on the outside of the envelope and place it in the grievance box.

Youth will be protected from other youth or staff that may try to get revenge for being reported. Reports of abuse are very serious. Anyone making a false report will be held accountable which may include a loss of privileges and criminal charges. We are here to help and we want to stop abuse from happening.

If you don't feel comfortable talking with someone in the facility:
Call or Write: Child Protective Services hotline at
1-866-END-Harm (1-866-363-4276)
1313 N Atlantic Spokane WA 99201
or
Spokane Police Department
(509) 456-2233

DEFINITIONS

Unfounded Allegation—

An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Substantiated Allegation—

An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated Allegation—

An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Sexual Abuse—

Contact between sex organs, or sex organs and mouth; penetration by an object or body part.

Sexual Harassment—

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature. Including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.



Youth will receive emergency medical treatment and be offered access to victim support services and counseling.

Spokane County Juvenile Detention partners with Lutheran Community Services Northwest for counseling for victims of sexual assault.

INVESTIGATORS

Spokane Police Department is responsible for investigating all sexual abuse allegations.

Spokane County Juvenile Detention Center's internal investigators shall be responsible for administratively investigating any allegations that do not involve criminal behavior. At any time during an investigation by the SCJDC investigators, if there is a suspicion that criminal activity may have occurred, the investigation shall be immediately turned over to the Spokane Police Department.



SPOKANE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION

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Report based on the Annual Survey of Sexual Violence for Spokane County Juvenile Detention Year 2017 through 2023

Target Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1. On December 31 of the Target year, how many males were held in the facility?	11	11	16	7	11	10	16
2. On December 31 of the Target year, how many females were held in the facility?	3	2	1	1	0	1	3
3. On December 31 of the Target year, how many total juveniles were held in the facility?	14	13	17	8	11	11	19
4. Between January 1 and December 31 of the Target Year, how many juveniles were admitted to the facility?	1025	821	897	486	290	321	499
5. Between January 1 and December 31 of the Target Year, how many non-consensual youth-on-youth sexual acts were reported?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5a. Of those acts in #5, how many were substantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5b. Of those acts in #5, how many were unsubstantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5c. Of those acts in #5, how many were unfounded?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5d. Of those acts in #5, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Between January 1 and December 31 of the Target Year, how many allegations of staff sexual misconduct were reported?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6a. Of those acts in #6, how many were substantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6b. Of those acts in #6, how many were unsubstantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6c. Of those acts in #6, how many were unfounded?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6d. Of those acts in #6, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Between January 1 and December 31 of the Target Year, how many allegations of Sexual harassment were reported?	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7a. Of those acts in #7, how many were substantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7b. Of those acts in #7, how many were unsubstantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7c. Of those acts in #7, how many were unfounded?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7d. Of those acts in #7, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*** 2012 was the first year the Survey of Sexual Violence was completed by Spokane County Juvenile Court*