

# **VILAS COUNTY JAIL**

## **Preventing Sexual Assault and Harassment**

### **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**

#### **Inmate Guide**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse in confinement facilities. PREA applies to all federal, state and local prisons, jails, police lock-ups and private facilities.

Vilas County has a zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders. We recognize the seriousness of such assaults along with the impact this has on the victim, the correctional environment, the community and society. Vilas County considers the detection, prevention, reduction and punishment of sexual assault and sexual harassment a priority and an integral component of operating a safe and secure jail.

The Vilas County Jail will respond to allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment and be consistent with the following goals:

- Investigate and respond in a timely, humane and respectful manner.
- Maintain confidentiality of the investigation and sensitivity towards the victim.
- Provide the victim with follow-up medical and mental health services as appropriate.
- Hold accountable those in violation of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

We offer different ways to notify the Jail or Sheriff's Department to report sexual abuse or harassment. You may report it verbally to a corrections officer or sergeant, you may ask for paper and an envelope or you may request a communication form. You may also contact the Sheriff's Office or the Eagle River Police Department at the address and number noted below.

VILAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
330 Court St  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
(715) 479-4441

EAGLE RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT  
525 Maple St; PO Box 1269  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
(715) 479-1941