
9.29 RESPONDING TO ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT

9.29.01 POLICY

Lincoln County Detention Center staff shall respond to allegations of sexual abuse as quickly as possible to ensure evidence is collected and the inmate has appropriate forensic examination when evidentiary or medically appropriate. The Detention Administrator shall ensure the allegations are investigated and the any necessary medical and mental health services are provided to the inmate as needed.

9.29.02 PROCEDURE

9.29.03 Sexual Assault

- A. An inmate that alleges he/she was a victim of sexual assault shall be immediately removed from their current housing location and taken to Medical Exam or Booking if Health Services staff is not on duty.
- B. If it is a medical emergency the supervisor shall request emergency medical services report to the detention center for transport to Great Plains Health. The Supervisor shall notify the PREA Coordinator and Detention Administrator of the alleged sexual assault.
 - 1. A staff member of the same gender as the victim shall accompany the inmate to the hospital.
- C. If Health Services staff is on duty they will treat only any injuries requiring immediate attention but they will not perform any routine examination procedures.
- D. Great Plains Health will complete an examination to obtain forensic evidence for an investigation into the alleged sexual assault.

- E. The area of the alleged assault shall be secured by staff.
 - 1. Inmates shall be locked down if the alleged assault occurred in a housing unit.
 - 2. If the assault took place in a cell then staff shall remove the roommate if another inmate is assigned to the cell and secure the cell.
 - 3. All staff shall cooperate with law enforcement during the investigation process.
- F. Upon the inmates return from the hospital all requested mental health counseling will be arranged, if indicated.
- G. The inmate shall not be placed in the same housing location as the individual that allegedly assaulted him/her.
- H. Health Services staff shall review the need for the morning-after pill and all recommended medical care.
- I. If the victim requests follow-up mental health care Health Services shall arrange such care.
- J. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office shall be responsible for all investigations in regards to any sexual assaults in the facility.
- K. Staff involved shall write an incident report prior to ending their tour of duty and forward it to the PREA Coordinator and Detention Lieutenant.
- L. The PREA Coordinator shall follow up with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Lincoln County Attorney to ensure the incident of sexual assault allegation in the facility is appropriately investigated and if criminal prosecution of the perpetrator will take place.
- M. The PREA Coordinator will follow-up with the victim to ensure he/she is receiving adequate for medical and mental health needs.
- N. The PREA Coordinator will securely maintain all documentation of the alleged sexual assault.

- O. The Lincoln County Sheriff may direct another outside law enforcement agency to conduct said sexual assault investigations when appropriate.