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PREA Volunteer and Contractor Information Acknowledgement Form

Our goal at The Butler County Jail is to keep everyone safe. Part of achieving that goal is making sure everyone understands how to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual misconduct. We want to make sure you understand the rules of each facility and how to report a problem, or issue in the unlikely event something happens while you are here.

Important Rules to Know: No one is ever allowed to engage in sexual misconduct.

- Sexual misconduct includes any kind of sexual contact, regardless of whether the other party agreed to the contact or not.
- This also includes sexual harassment: saying sexual things, saying things about someone's body, talking about whom someone likes to date, or making offensive gestures or comments.

We prohibit employees and other adults in the facility from doing any of these things at all times. We also maintain appropriate boundaries here. Employees, contractors, and volunteers are prohibited from having any kind of romantic relationship with an offender or offenders. There is no such thing as **consent** to sexual activity in a correctional setting.

We also prohibit employees, contractors, and volunteers from sharing personal details, such as their personal contact information, except in order to carry out their professional responsibilities. Similarly, employees, volunteers, and contractors are prohibited from making contact with offenders outside of each facility through any means (e.g., in person meetings, texting, or on social media), except in order to carry out their professional responsibilities.

How We Keep Everyone Safe: At The Butler County Sheriff's Office, we do a number of things to keep everyone safe, including:

- Educating offenders about their right to be free from sexual misconduct
- Conducting background checks of the individuals, we hire.
- Training employees on our policies on preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual misconduct.
- Maintaining appropriate supervision of offenders at BCSO • Offering a number of ways offenders and others can report problems at each facility.
- Fully investigating all allegations of sexual misconduct.
- Providing services and supports to offenders who allege they have been sexually abused.
- Protecting employees and offenders from retaliation for reporting problems or helping with an investigation

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What to Do If You See or Suspect Sexual Misconduct, or if an Offender Reports a Problem to You:

Although we do a number of things to keep everyone safe, we want you to know what to do if you see something that looks like a problem or if an offender reports a problem to you.

- If you see or suspect an incident of sexual misconduct, you must report it immediately by contacting a deputy or non-sworn employee.
- If an offender discloses something that suggests an incident of sexual misconduct has occurred, stay calm, listen to what they are saying, take the report seriously, and convey a message of support (e.g., "I'm glad you were strong enough to come to me"). Let the offender know you are going to report the incident to make sure someone investigates and makes sure they are safe. Inform them you will not share his or her report beyond those who need to know to fix the problem.
- If an offender wants to tell you something but asks you not repeat what they are going to tell you, let them know about your limits of confidentiality. This includes whether you have to report certain behaviors by law once you have knowledge or reasonable suspicion that a crime is being or has been committed.
- For example, you might say, "I am glad you came to me and I can understand why you would not want me to tell anyone. If it is about someone hurting, harassing, or threatening you I am required to report it. I respect your decision if you do not want to tell me as a result. But if you tell me, I can work with you to get help."

Questions: If you have questions pertaining to your PREA responsibilities or other facility rules, or your responsibilities while you are here, you may contact us by calling The Butler County Jail's Administrative section at (513)-785-1191.