

Attention Friends and Family of Inmates

If you have reason to believe you incarcerated friend or family member may be at risk, or possibly the victim, of abuse or harassment in the Washington County Jail you can report this as a 3rd party to Washington County Sheriff's Office by:

- Tell a Staff Member or Deputy, in person or by telephone.
- Write a letter to the Sheriff's Office (262 E. Court St. Weiser ID 83672)
- Inform another local Law Enforcement Agency (Weiser Police Dept.)

--No report will be overlooked--

§115.22 - Policies to Ensure Referrals of Allegations for Investigations

The Washington County Jail will ensure that an investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Jail may begin such investigations by conducting a preliminary inquiry or review into the allegations to determine whether further investigation is necessary and whether the allegations should be referred for an administrative or criminal investigation. The Sheriff will assign a person to complete this preliminary review into the allegations.

After the assigned employee has finished the review of the incident, he/she will advise the Jail Administrator of his/her findings and whether or not further investigation is necessary. The Jail Administrator will arrange for further investigation, when needed, by contacting the appropriate investigators

The employee assigned to do the initial investigation will write a detailed report on his/her findings and recommendations.

The Washington County Jail will ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. The Sheriff will decide when the investigation will be handled by investigators of his/her agency or if the investigation should be referred to an outside agency. All referrals will be documented.

If the Jail decides not to refer an allegation for criminal investigation, that decision must be reviewed and approved by the Sheriff or his/her designee.

If an outside entity conducts criminal investigations, the Washington County Jail will cooperate fully with the investigation by providing access to the suspect, victim, witnesses and necessary staff. The Jail will also provide a secure room for the investigator to conduct the interviews and paperwork.

The outside entity conducting the criminal investigation will be asked to comply with the rules of the facility and the PREA standards. All requests to the outside entity will be documented.

Once the investigation is completed, the outside entity will be asked to meet with the Sheriff to give a full report of the outcome of the investigation and recommendations for prosecution.