

Instructions for PREA Intake Screening Instrument

Read this Statement to the Incarcerated Individual (IP): In 2003 the Prison Rape Elimination Act, better known as PREA, was passed by the Federal government in an effort to protect prison IPs from sexual assault. I will be asking you a series of questions to help determine if you are at risk of becoming involved in a sexual assault while at this facility. These questions are being asked to help protect you and other IPs from sexual assault and abuse. If you refuse to answer a question or fail to answer a question truthfully, I or another staff member may enter an answer based on your criminal history, other written documentation, or personal observation. The information that I collect on this form is considered to be confidential and will only be made available to those staff members that have a need to know.

•The screening instrument is not intended to diagnose any mental health or psychological conditions. Staff members that use this instrument to screen IPs for risk of victimization or abusiveness are to use their own judgment appropriate for their training, education, and job classification.

Question Number	Detailed Instructions*
1	Use the IPs official date of birth to verify.
2	Height is measured in feet and inches. Weight is measured in pounds.
3	Allow the IP to assess his or her ability to function in a prison environment. A "yes" answer may be entered by the screener if the IP has physical disabilities that would make it difficult for the IP to defend his/her self or appears to have mental or developmental disabilities that would impair the IP decision making processes.
4	A major incarceration for the purposes of this screening instrument means thirty or more consecutive days of detention in a local, state, or federal facility.
5	Verify, if possible. Violent criminal history includes all forms of assaultive behavior, robbery, and sexual offenses involving personal contact. Screener may override a "no" answer if supported by documentation to the contrary.
6	Enter the IPs answer.
7	Enter the IPs answer. IP must be offered a medical or mental health referral, if "yes".
8	Enter the IPs answer.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When considering whether an IP is homosexual or bisexual a "yes" response may only be indicated when self-reported or through information from past incarcerations. • Gender non-conforming is defined as displaying gender traits that are not normally associated with the person's biological sex. The screening official may determine that an IP is gender non-conforming based on his or her observations. • Transgender people are defined as those whose gender identity differs from the social expectations for their birth sex. This may include transsexuals (someone who is in the process of physically/medically changing their gender) and cross-dressers (transvestites). Transgender people may have any sexual orientation. A "yes" response may only be indicated when IP identifies him or herself as transgender or through information from past incarcerations. • Intersexuality is defined as a set of medical conditions that is a congenital anomaly of the sexual and reproductive system. Intersex people are born with external genitalia or internal reproductive systems that are not considered "standard" for either sex. An intersex individual may have any sexual orientation. A "yes" response may only be indicated when IP identifies him or herself as intersex or through information from past incarcerations.
10	Enter the IPs answer.
11	Enter the IPs answer. Verify, if possible. Screener may override a "no" answer if supported by documentation to the contrary.
12	Enter the IPs answer.
13 -16	Enter the IPs answer. Verify, if possible. Screener may override a "no" answer if supported by documentation to the contrary. History includes documented incidents where the IP has been identified as a suspect or perpetrator. Formal findings of guilt or responsibility are not required. Violent offenses include all assaultive behavior (except actions taken in self-defense), robbery, and kidnapping. For the purpose of these questions sexual misconduct includes sexual acts, indecent exposure, and public masturbation.
17	Enter the IPs answer. Verify, if possible. Screener may override a "no" answer if supported by documentation to the contrary. IP must be offered a mental health referral, if "yes".
18	Enter the IPs answer.

Results: Enter the total points in the appropriate boxes for "Risk of Victimization" and "Risk of Abusiveness." Check the box or boxes in the **Results** section and follow your facility policy.

Referral: If the IP reveals in questions 7, 12, 17, or 18 that he or she has been a victim or perpetrator of a sexual assault, the IP must be offered a follow-up visit with mental health staff. Check the appropriate **Referral** boxes and provide the IP with a **PREA FOLLOW UP** form. Assist the IP with the form, if necessary, and send the letter to the psychology department through the institutional mail.

Disposition

- ▶ IP screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness is required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), §115.41. The information collected is to be used to help make decisions regarding housing, bed, work, education and program assignments. **Follow your facility policy regarding IPs that are found to be at risk.**
- ▶ Responses to the questions asked on the screening instrument are to be kept confidential and disseminated only to those individuals with a need to know. **Follow your facility policy regarding dissemination.**