

What happens when a report of alleged client sexual abuse is reported?

Talbert House procedure (12.04.01) requires any allegation of sexual abuse against a client be referred for a criminal investigation to determine if there was criminal behavior.

Who can tell me if a report is being investigated?

The Talbert House PREA Coordinator will respond to inquiries regarding a report of client sexual abuse or sexual assault. The PREA Coordinator may be reached at **(513) 751-7747**.

Who makes a referral for a criminal investigation?

Investigation referrals for alleged sexual abuse of a client may be made by the client, a family member or friend of the client, or any member of the agency's staff. Extreme and/or observed cases of sexual abuse/assault will be reported to 911 for immediate response to the victim(s). Referrals will also be made to the appropriate local, state, or federal government entity, with which the agency contracts:

- Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP);
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC);
- Local law enforcement.

How will I know the outcome of an investigation?

The Talbert House PREA Coordinator will send the alleged victim a written notice of the outcome of any formal administrative process or criminal investigation if he/she is still residing in a Talbert House facility. The alleged victim will be directly contacted by the designated prosecuting entity regarding any legal proceedings.

Talbert House is not authorized to conduct criminal investigations.

What is the responsibility of outside entities involved with investigating client sexual abuse?

Contracting entities (e.g., FBOP, ODRC), and/or local law enforcement will conduct independent criminal investigations, and refer such to the appropriate prosecuting official. The prosecutor will determine if enough evidence exists to send a case to trial.

Can I get a copy of the Talbert House procedure related to client sexual abuse and/or past PREA audit results?

Written requests may be submitted to:

Talbert House
Attn: PREA Coordinator
2600 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 43215