

SUPERVISING YOUTH OF THE OPPOSITE SEX

- AUTHORITY:** Administrative Directive
California Code of Regulations, Title 15 – **Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities**, Section **1321**
- RESCINDS:** Procedure Manual Item 3-1-021, dated 08/12/13
- FORMS:** None
- PURPOSE:** To establish a standard procedure for supervising youth of the opposite sex in juvenile institutions.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. **There should be at least one youth supervision staff member on duty who is the same gender as youth housed in the facility, unless an arrangement has been made for immediate same gender supervision.**
- B. Staff of the opposite sex will respect youths' privacy, **gender identity**, and personal dignity to the extent possible without compromising the safety and security of the living area **and youth**.
- C. Staff supervising youth of the opposite sex are expected to perform all procedures and duties except as limited below.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Advise the youth at the beginning of the shift that you will be making routine safety checks and may indirectly supervise bathroom activities. Ask that they advise you when they intend to disrobe and avoid direct supervision during that time.
- B. Staff members supervising youth of the opposite sex may not directly supervise showers, the use of toilet, or body searches. **Staff of the same gender as the youth should be requested by contacting Control and/or the Duty Officer if no one is available in the unit to supervise the listed action.**
- C. Do not be in an isolated area alone with a youth of the opposite sex and ensure your coworkers and/or other youth can see you at all times.
- D. In the case of a clear emergency involving the threat of serious injury, staff of either sex will be expected to intervene to prevent such injury without regard to sexual differences.
- E. In cases where a youth's clothes must be cut off or physically removed due to security/suicide issues, staff members of the opposite sex shall be relieved if possible, except in exigent circumstances as noted in Section D.

REFERENCES:

Procedures: **3-1-005** **Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer Duties**
 3-5-003 **LGBTQI Youth: Intake, Housing, and PREA**
 Considerations

Policy: C-5 Work Assignments

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