

SUPERVISING YOUTH OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER

- AUTHORITY:** Administrative Directive
Prison Rape Eliminate Act (PREA) of 2003
California Code of Regulations, Title 15 – Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities, Section 1486
- RESCINDS:** Procedure Manual Item 3-2-009 dated 12/28/23 MAJOR
 Procedure Manual Item 3-14-004 dated 8/18/23
- FORMS:** None
- PURPOSE:** To establish **guidelines and procedures** for supervising youth of the opposite **gender** in juvenile **facilities**.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. There shall be written policies and site-specific procedures developed and implemented by the facility administrator for showering/bathing and brushing of teeth. Youth shall be permitted to shower/bathe upon assignment to a housing unit and on a daily basis thereafter and given an opportunity to brush their teeth after each meal.**
- B. There should be at least one youth supervision staff member on duty who is the same gender as the youth housed in the facility unless an arrangement has been made for immediate same-gender supervision.
- C. Staff of the opposite **gender** 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.
- D. All youth shall be able to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to safety checks.**

II. PROCEDURE

At the beginning of the shift and upon entering a unit, staff of the opposite gender of the youth in the unit are required to advise the youth that they will be making routine safety checks and may supervise bathroom activities.

- A. Staff members supervising youth of the opposite **gender** may not directly supervise 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.
- B. Do not be in an isolated area alone with a youth of the opposite **gender** and ensure your coworkers and/or other youth can see you at all times.

- C. In the case of a clear emergency involving the threat of serious injury, staff of either **gender** will be expected to intervene to prevent such injury without regard to sexual differences.
- D. In cases where a youth's clothes must be cut off or physically removed due to security/suicide issues, staff members of the opposite **gender** shall be relieved if possible, except in exigent circumstances, as noted in Section D.

III. SHOWER PROCEDURES

- A. **(Youth shall be instructed, before entering the shower area, to disrobe in the shower stall for privacy. The shower and toilet stalls provide the youth the privacy to shower, perform bodily functions and change clothing without staff viewing their breasts, buttocks, and genitalia. When the shower is completed, the youth will dress in the stall and then exit the shower area.**
- B. **The staff member must directly supervise showers from a standing position. Even youth who shower alone must be supervised and monitored.**
- C. **Before clothing bundles are handed out, each youth should have the necessary hygiene items for showers: shampoo, post-shower conditioning hair products, soap, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving implements (only at staff direction), and a comb.**
- D. **Each youth is given a bundle which includes:**
 - 1. **Clean towel**
 - 2. **Washcloth**
 - 3. **Clean undergarments**
 - 4. **Clean socks**
 - 5. **Clean shirt**
 - 6. **Mesh bag, labeled by room number**

Bundles are made up daily by the youth designated as the laundry worker in each unit. Staff are to ensure bundles are made correctly and without favoritism. Sizes must be in accordance with clothing sizes noted in each youth's file.

- E. **During showers, the remaining non-showering group should be seated in the unit carpet area. For effective supervision, there must be limited activities when youth are showering.**
- F. **Unit staff must direct each youth to check their bundle before entering the shower stall and report any missing items or problems to staff.**
- G. **The youth are to put their soiled shirt, socks, and pants (if it is the unit's day for clean pants) in the soiled linen bin in the shower area. Once showers are completed, the youth will place their towel and washcloth in the soiled linen bin. Each youth will place their undergarment(s) in their assigned bag for laundering.**
- H. **Each youth must be in a shower stall before completely disrobing. Staff must ensure privacy for each youth while providing proper supervision.**

- I. After showering, each youth will be allowed to comb their hair and apply deodorant, lotion, or medically approved items within a reasonable time frame.

REFERENCES:

Procedures:	1-4-123	Prevention, Detection, Reporting, and Response to Incidents of Sexual Abuse, Harassment, and Misconduct in Juvenile Facilities (PREA)
	3-1-005	Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer Duties
	3-5-003	LGBTQI Youth: Intake, Housing, and PREA Considerations
	3-5-004	Youth's Rights/Orientation
	3-8-004	Daily Schedule – Juvenile Hall
Policy:	C-5	Work Assignments

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