



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Institutions



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| Title: | Dry Cell Status | DOC Policy: 40.1.11 |
| Effective: | 11/15/05 | Supercedes: 10/7/05 |
| Applicability: | All Institutions | |
| Directives Cross-Reference: | | |
| | Rule: Segregation (Disciplinary) – Div 011 | |
| | Policy: Criminal Evidence Handling – 70.1.3 | |
| | Segregated Inmates – P-E-09 | |

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish specific procedures to place an inmate on dry cell status in accordance with the rule on **Segregation (Disciplinary)**. An inmate is placed on dry cell status to safely recover contraband, which is reasonably believed to be carried internally by an inmate.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Dry Cell Status: A visual monitoring process which, after reasonable suspicion has been established, allows for the placement of an inmate in a cell for the safe recovery of internally concealed instruments and other contraband.
- B. Reasonable Suspicion: An apparent state of objective facts and rational inferences drawn therefrom which would permit a reasonable and experienced correctional staff person to conclude that an inmate is possessing contraband or committing a crime or rule violation or conspiring or attempting the same.

III. POLICY

A. Placement Criteria

1. An inmate will be placed on a dry cell status only upon reasonable suspicion that he/she is concealing contraband internally. Authorization to place an inmate on dry cell status must be obtained from the officer-in-charge (OIC).
2. An inmate placed on dry cell status will remain isolated from other inmates for a period not to exceed 72 hours, unless authorized by the functional unit manager.
3. If reasonable suspicion exists that an inmate is concealing contraband on his/her person by means to prevent it from being passed after three consecutive normal bowel movements, or the equivalent thereof, extensions up to 72 hours from the beginning of the initial placement in dry cell status may occur upon the authorization of the functional unit manager.

4. If documented reasonable suspicion exists that an inmate has re-ingested or re-inserted the contraband, authorization will be obtained from the functional unit manager for a 24-hour extension.

B. Cell Location and Preparation

1. The inmate will be placed in a camera cell, or be under direct supervision if a camera cell is not available.
2. Staff will search the dry cell prior to the inmate entering the cell. All items, with the exception of one mattress, one pillow and one blanket will be removed. These items will be searched to ensure no contraband is present. No personal items are allowed in the dry cell.
3. All running water to the cell will be turned off. The toilet will be flushed and turned off.
4. The inmate will be provided with a bedpan and/or urinal upon request. Staff shall insert a clear plastic trash bag to collect the human waste. The inmate will be offered toilet paper after the bowel movement/function.
5. Security measures will be conducted to prevent inmates from passing items from one cell to another.
6. The cell door shall remain closed at all times unless the inmate is appropriately supervised by staff.

C. Specific Procedures:

1. Clothing: The inmate will be clothed in appropriate coveralls, which may be worn over undergarments (shorts and t-shirts or panties and bra). Undergarments will be exchanged every other day. Clothing worn upon arrival to the segregation unit will be placed in a paper bag, and will be handled as possible evidence in accordance with policy #70.1.3 **Criminal Evidence Handling**.
2. Escort: The inmate will be restrained in handcuffs and tether.
3. Dry Cell Status Checklist: A Dry Cell Status Checklist form (CD 1447) will be maintained for the duration the inmate is on dry cell status.
4. Personal Hygiene:
 - a. The inmate will be offered a towel, soap and water prior to each meal and following each bowel movement/function.
 - b. A toothbrush and toothpaste/powder will be provided following each meal.
 - c. An inmate will be allowed a supervised shower if maintained on dry cell status over a period of 72 hours.

4. Searches:
 - a. All searches will be logged.
 - b. All items brought into or removed from the cell will be searched.
 - c. A search of the cell will be conducted once every four-hour period.
 - d. The cell will be searched and the inmate skin searched at each exchange of clothing.
 - e. The inmate will be skin searched prior to removal from the cell for any activity outside of the cell.
 - f. The cell will be searched and the inmate skin searched at the termination of the dry cell status.
 - g. Searches may occur any time suspicious activity is noted, the reasons for such will be entered in the log.
5. Recovery of Possible Evidence:
 - a. Staff shall search feces and toilet paper utilizing rubber gloves and a mask.
 - b. To ensure the integrity and security of evidence is maintained, any contraband discovered will be processed in accordance with policy #70.1.3 **Criminal Evidence Handling**.
 - c. Urine will be disposed of by flushing it down a toilet other than the toilet in the dry cell. Feces will be placed in a red hazard material bag and disposed of properly.
7. Mail: Personal and legal mail (excluding newspapers) will be delivered to the inmate, one piece at a time. After the mail has been read, it will be searched, stored and returned to the inmate following termination of dry cell status.
8. It is the inmate's responsibility to inform staff of any court-ordered deadlines for legal action. Once informed, the staff member shall pass the information to the OIC for appropriate action.
9. Visiting is not permitting while the inmate is on dry cell status.
10. There will be no interruption of normal food intake. Water will be provided upon request of the inmate.

D. Health Services:

1. Health Services staff will follow the DOC Health Services policy and procedure P-E-09, **Segregated Inmates**.

2. The inmate will be checked by medical staff once during each eight-hour shift, results of which will be noted in the Inmate Health Record.
3. Medications ordered by the health care provider before and after the period in which the inmate is on dry cell status will not be restricted by security staff. If restrictions are made by Health Services staff, documentation will be made on the Inmate Health Record.

E. Termination of Dry Cell Status:

1. An inmate will be terminated from dry cell status upon order of the functional unit manager/designee.
2. The segregation shift supervisor is responsible for informing the functional unit manager/designee when the authorized time limits for dry cell status have expired.
3. The removal of an inmate from dry cell status will be determined and authorized by the functional unit manager/designee.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be adopted immediately without further modification.

DRY CELL STATUS CHECKLIST

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| Date: | | | | | |
| Inmate Name: | | | | SID #: | |
| I. Admission | | | | | |
| | | | | TIME | STAFF NAME |
| A. Thorough Skin Search | | | | | |
| B. Bag Clothing as Evidence | | | | | |
| C. Issued Inmate Coveralls with Undergarments | | | | | |
| D. Issued Authorized Bedding | | | | | |
| II. Cell Assignment | | | | | |
| | | | | TIME | STAFF NAME |
| A. Camera cell (outer door to remain closed with security device in place to prevent the passing of contraband), or under constant supervision if camera cell unavailable. | | | | | |
| B. Water to cell turned off | | | | | |
| III. Searches | | | | | |
| | | | | TIME | STAFF NAME |
| A. Cell shall be searched every four-hour period. | | | | | |
| B. Inmate skin searched prior to removal from cell. | | | | | |
| C. Inmate skin searched at all exchange of clothing. | | | | | |
| D. Inmate skin searched and cell searched at termination of dry cell status. | | | | | |
| 72-Hour Search Log | | | | | |
| | Day 1 Time/Initials | | Day 2 Time/Initials | | Day 3 Time/Initials |
| 2 nd Shift | | | | | |
| 3 rd Shift | | | | | |
| 1 st Shift | | | | | |