



June 20, 2023

To all OSH staff,

This Superintendent Directive modifies Oregon State Hospital policy number 8.014, "Room, Unit, and Treatment Mall Searches."

In response to recent significant contraband concerns and to facilitate a comprehensive search to promote patient and staff safety, it is my directive that, for unit contraband searches conducted between June 20 and July 3, 2023:

- Unit searches shall be conducted while patients are off the unit.
- Patients must be notified that a search of the unit will occur, including their room, prior to the search being conducted.
- On the recommendation of the Program Director, patients may be given the opportunity to be present for the search of their room.
- Personal searches shall be conducted for each patient prior to returning to the unit.
- Security staff documentation of the search must identify which patients were present for the search of their rooms.
- If any items of concern are found in patient rooms, unit staff must document in the patient's medical record.
- Security Director or designee must communicate search results to the Program Director and the Executive Team.

"Staff" includes employees, volunteers, trainees, interns, contractors, vendors, and other state employees assigned to work at Oregon State Hospital.

This directive will remain in effect until OSH policies, procedures, and protocols are updated or the directive is otherwise rescinded.

Sincerely,

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