



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Institutions



Title:	Dry Cell Status	DOC Policy: 40.1.11
Effective:	11/01/19	Supercedes: 11/15/05
Applicability:	All Institutions	
Directives Cross-Reference:		
Rule:	Segregation (Disciplinary) – Div 011	
Policy:	Criminal & Administrative Evidence Handling – 70.1.3	
	Segregated Inmates – P-G-02	

I. PURPOSE

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

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Dry Cell Status: A visual inspection process which, after reasonable suspicion has been established, allows for the placement of an adult in custody in a cell for the safe recovery of internally concealed foreign substances, instruments, and other contraband.
- B. Reasonable Suspicion: An apparent state of objective facts and rational inferences drawn from that which would permit a reasonable and experienced correctional staff person to conclude that an individual or set of circumstances poses a threat to the safety, security, health and good order of the facility, or the safety and security of adults in custody, staff, visitors, volunteers, contractors or the community, including, but not limited to, committing a crime or rule violation or conspiring or attempting the same.

III. POLICY

A. Placement Criteria

1. An adult in custody will be placed on a dry cell status only upon reasonable suspicion that the adult in custody is concealing contraband or instruments internally that may pose a threat to the safety and security of an institution. Authorization to place an adult in custody on dry cell status must be obtained from the officer-in-charge (OIC).
2. An adult in custody placed on dry cell status will remain isolated from other adults in custody for a period not to exceed 72 hours, unless authorized by the functional unit manager.
3. If reasonable suspicion exists that an adult in custody is concealing contraband on their 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 adult in custody 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 adult in custody 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 adult in custody entering the cell. All items will be removed from the cell except for one mattress, one pillow and one blanket. The use of Teflon blankets or a smock will be permitted to reduce the opportunity of contraband being passed onto the tier. 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 adult in custody will be provided with a bedpan or urinal upon request. Staff shall insert a clear plastic trash bag to collect the human waste. The adult in custody will be offered toilet paper after the bowel movement/function.
5. Security measures will be conducted to prevent adults in custody from passing items from one cell to another.
6. The cell door shall remain closed at all times unless the adult in custody is appropriately supervised by staff.

C. Specific Procedures:

1. Clothing: The adult in custody 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 and Administrative Evidence Handling**.
2. Escort: The adult in custody will be restrained in handcuffs.
3. Dry Cell Status Checklist: A Dry Cell Status Checklist form (CD 1447) will be maintained for the duration the adult in custody is on dry cell status.
4. Personal Hygiene:
 - a. The adult in custody will be offered a towel, soap and water prior to each meal and following each bowel movement/function.

- b. A toothbrush and toothpaste or powder will be afforded upon request following each meal.
- c. An adult in custody will be allowed a supervised shower if maintained on dry cell status over a period of 72 hours.

5. 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 an unclothed search of the adult in custody at each exchange of clothing.
- e. An unclothed search of the adult in custody will be conducted prior to removal from the cell for any activity outside of the cell.
- f. The cell will be searched, and an unclothed search of the adult in custody will occur after a successful bowel movement.
- g. The cell will be searched and an unclothed search of the adult in custody at the termination of the dry cell status.
- h. Searches may occur any time suspicious activity is noted, the reasons for such will be entered in the log.

6. 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 and Administrative 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 adult in custody, one piece at a time. After the mail has been read, it will be searched, stored and returned to the adult in custody following termination of dry cell status.

8. It is the adult in custody'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 permitted while the adult in custody is on dry cell status.

10. There will be no interruption of normal food intake. Water will be provided upon request of the adult in custody.

D. Health Services:

1. Health Services staff will follow the DOC Health Services policy and procedure P-G-02, **Segregated Inmates**.
2. The adult in custody will be checked by medical staff once during each eight-hour shift, results of which will be noted in the Adult in Custody Health Record.
3. Medications ordered by the health care provider before and after the period in which the adult in custody 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 Adult in Custody Health Record.

E. Termination of Dry Cell Status:

1. An adult in custody 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 adult in custody 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.

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