10.0 Clothing and Personal Hygiene

OVERVIEW

This section sets forth the mandated requirements for distribution and cleaning of clothing items, and the personal hygiene of youth.

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10.1 Clothing Issue Policy

10.1.1 STANDARDS

Sections 1480-1488 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities, set forth the institutional guidelines for clothing issue and laundry services for youth detained in Juvenile Facilities. All staff shall adhere to the following policies.

10.1.2 CLOTHING ISSUE

Upon admission to San Diego County Juvenile Detention Facilities (SDCJDF), all youth shall be issued suitable clothing by intake staff, or other staff as designated by each facility. The clothing items shall be clean, reasonably fitted and in good condition. Except in extreme cases, all clothing issues should take place prior to arrival in the youth’s Housing Unit/Dorm.

This initial issue of clothing shall include the following:

- Socks and serviceable footwear
- Outer garments, including pants, t-shirts, and sweatshirts (weather permitting)
- Undergarments that are freshly laundered and free of stains, including underwear for males and bra and panties for females

See procedural attachment 10.1.2:

10.1.3 CLOTHING REPLACEMENTS

Intake staff and Housing Unit/Dorm Officers shall exchange youth clothing which falls into a state of disrepair due to normal usage. Housing Unit/Dorm officers, in conjunction with appropriate disciplinary action, shall replace intentionally destroyed, mutilated or lost clothing.

10.1.4 CLOTHING INVENTORY AND SUPPLY

The facilities shall retain an ample supply of clothing at all times. The individual facilities shall appoint Officer(s) to be responsible for maintaining the clothing inventory and for dispensing clothing items to new entries.

Staff in the female units shall maintain a supply of new panties and bras for subsequent use by female youth.

There shall be a quantity of clothing available for actual and replacement needs of the facility’s population. (Title 15, Section 1483)

The ordering of new clothing items and supplies shall be the responsibility of the facility’s Storekeeper.
10.1.5 SPECIAL CLOTHING

Intake, Main Control, or other staff as directed by the facility shall maintain a supply of additional clothing suitable for youth to perform special work assignments (e.g. gloves, hats, boots, jumpsuits, etc.), where the use of regular clothing would be unsanitary or inappropriate. The Watch Commander, or a Unit/Dorm Supervisor, shall determine when special clothing is needed, if a dispute arises. (Title 15, Section 1481)

10.1.6 CLOTHING FROM TRANSFERS

When receiving youth from other facilities, the receiving facility shall collect the clothing from the youth and give the clothing to the next transportation officer from that facility for return. The clothing shall not be laundered or mixed with the other facility clothing prior to its return to the originating facility.
10.2 Laundry Procedures for Clothing

10.2.1 INTRODUCTION

Clean clothing exchanges shall be provided to youth whenever work, illness or climatic conditions necessitate.

10.2.2 WASHING LAUNDRY IN THE HOUSING UNITS

Some housing units/dorms have washing machines and dryers for small loads of laundry, which may be required during the day. Clothing items that should be routinely washed in the units/dorms are outer garments such as sweatshirts and shorts.

Care should be taken not to wash undergarments (i.e., underwear or bras) in the unit/dorm washers. The water temperature in the unit/dorm washers may not get high enough to properly sanitize these items. Therefore, all undergarments must be sent with the unit laundry to be washed by the large industrial machines in the laundry room.

See procedural attachment 10.2.2.

10.2.3 CLOTHING STORAGE IN HOUSING UNIT/DORM

Each housing unit has a storage area for daily use items (i.e., clothing and linen.) All clothing shall be stored in a safe and sanitary area, free of rodent and vermin infestation (Title 15, Section 1484). This area shall be inspected daily by unit officers and at least monthly by the Unit/Dorm Supervisor, or their designee, to ensure sanitary conditions have not been compromised. The Shift Leader shall be responsible for ensuring all contaminated and soiled laundry is placed in Med-Iso bags and sent to Main Control/Central Control/Admin Office. Med-Iso bags shall be completely segregated from the clean and sanitary clothing, linen, and bedding supplies. (See Section 11.5.)

10.2.4 MESH LAUNDRY BAGS

Facilities/units must use mesh laundry bags to collect, clean and return youth laundry in a way that increases efficiency and allows the youth to retain articles of clothing. In order to prevent risk of strangulation, the drawstring must be removed from all laundry bags prior to use in any facility. Facility staff must also ensure that laundry exchanges occur at set times and in a manner that prevents youth from having the mesh bags in their rooms. Each facility and unit which uses mesh laundry bags must develop detailed procedures and processes to ensure safe storage and use of bags in accordance with the above goals.
10.3 Dress Code, Personal Care Items and Hygiene

10.3.1 INTRODUCTION
Youth in SDCJDF shall be provided reasonable access to use of personal care items, and the opportunity for personal hygiene.

10.3.2 STANDARDS
Sections 1485 through 1488 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities, set forth the guidelines regarding the issue of personal care items and personal hygiene of youth held over 24 hours.

10.3.3 DRESS CODE
The following dress code rules shall apply to all youth in San Diego County Juvenile Detention Facilities (SDCJDF):

- Youth shall only wear facility issued clothing.
- Clothing in a state of disrepair (i.e., rips, holes, etc.) shall not be given to, or worn by youth. When such clothing is discovered, the officer who discovers it shall remove it from circulation, and provide the youth with serviceable clothing.
- Long pants shall be worn in a "normal" fashion. Pegging, slinging or any other fashion associated with gang activity is not permitted. Officers shall replace pants that "sag" on a youth for a smaller pair that fit.
- Headbands, hairnets, towels or clothing wrapped around the head are prohibited.
- Using staples, paper clips or any other objects to make or maintain a youth's piercing is prohibited.
- All officers are responsible for enforcing that youth adhere to the dress code by keeping their pants pulled up and their shirts tucked in.

10.3.4 RELIGIOUS HEAD COVERING
The Department recognizes a youth’s right to exercise religious beliefs while in custody. Youth may profess a religious belief that requires their head to be covered as a key component of their religious practices. Therefore, when a youth professes such a religious belief, staff should make all reasonable efforts to allow the youth to keep their head covered, except where institutional safety and security concerns dictate otherwise, and to respect the particular reason(s) for the religious head covering. (see procedural guideline 10.3.4 for handling of searches and requests)
The following personal hygiene rules shall apply to all youth in SDCJDF:

- Youth shall be provided an opportunity to brush their teeth after each meal. Title 15, Section 1486
- Youth shall be permitted a shower on a daily basis (or more often if necessary).
- Youth who repeatedly refuse to brush their teeth or shower, shall be referred to the medical/dental clinic for examination/education/counseling.
10.3.6 **TOILETRY ITEMS PROVIDED**

All youth in SDCJDF shall be supplied with toiletry articles that are necessary to maintain daily personal hygiene. Youth shall not share these items with another youth. Additionally, access to these articles shall be limited, and must always be supervised by a unit officer. Any youth which misuses toilet paper/seat covers shall be provided toilet paper/seat covers in single use quantities.

Basic toiletry items provided in each housing unit shall include:

- An individual toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Combs (Note: Large combs could be used as weapons, therefore, access shall be limited. Youth who must use large combs must put them in an envelope and store them behind the staff deck, or in a locked cabinet, when not in use.)
- Hand lotion (See Section 10.4.1 below regarding dispensing during shower program.)
- Hair products (See Section 10.4.1 below regarding dispensing during shower program.)
- Shampoo
- Sanitary napkins (females only)
- Deodorant/antiperspirant (Pump-spray bottles only, absent an exception from the Facility Division Chief.)

10.3.7 **DISTRIBUTION**

The youth’s assigned Housing Unit/Dorm provides distribution of toiletry items. Each unit/dorm shall be responsible for ordering a sufficient supply of toiletry articles from the Facility Storekeeper, to meet the weekly needs of their respective unit/dorm. Each Unit/Dorm Supervisor shall designate an officer to be responsible for ordering supplies on a weekly basis. In addition to toilet paper and seat covers, items which are required to be available on a daily basis include:

- Toothpaste
- Hand soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant/antiperspirant
- Sanitary napkins (females only)

10.3.8 **STORAGE**

Toiletry items shall be stored in a safe and secure location that is not readily accessible to youth (i.e., not in youth rooms or lockers, absent authorization from the Facility Division Chief). Distribution of all such items shall be under the direct supervision of a unit/dorm officer. Storage areas for individual youth shall be separated from each other, and personal items not allowed contact with items of another youth. Storage areas shall be cleaned and disinfected as necessary.
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10.3.9 SHAVING

Except for court identification purposes, male youth are to be provided a daily opportunity to shave. All shaving shall be done with an electric shaver. For security reasons, razor blades are not permitted in the facilities, with the exception of GRF, which may use razor blades with permission from the Division Chief (See procedural attachment 10.3.8). Each Unit/Dorm Supervisor shall be responsible for developing written guidelines on the use of shavers, that shall include an accountability system designed to prevent misuse (e.g. parts from electric razor used to make a tattoo kit, etc.).

All shaving equipment shared by youth must be disinfected before each individual use (Title 15, Section 1485). Concerns about transmitting HIV or other blood-borne pathogens is germane for any equipment capable of drawing blood. Therefore, all electric razors must be disinfected prior to use as follows:

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<td>Remove the razor head.</td>
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<td>Remove all debris.</td>
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<td>Disinfect with an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity used according to manufacturer’s instructions.</td>
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<td>All disinfected electrical instruments shall be stored in a clean covered container that is in a secure area not accessible to youth.</td>
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10.3.10 HAIRCUTS

Unit/Dorm officers may provide haircutting services only when the Unit Supervisor approves them. An approved list of officers that may cut youth hair is maintained in the Watch Commander’s Office and in each unit/dorm. All haircuts shall conform to facility standards, not less than ½ inch in length and shall not be unconventional in style. The Unit/Dorm Supervisor or Watch Commander shall determine unconventional styling, if a dispute arises.

All youth haircuts are voluntary. However, prior to officers providing haircutting services, a youth must first receive written permission from the Court or their Probation Officer if they have not yet received a disposition in their case. Youth must fill out a haircut request form, and sign it, prior to getting their haircut.

Under no circumstances may a youth cut the hair of another youth.

All haircutting tools shall be handled by officers only. All haircutting tools shared by youth must be disinfected before each individual use (Title 15, Section 1488). Therefore, all equipment must be disinfected prior to use as follows:

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<td>For non-electrical instruments: clean with soap or detergent and water;</td>
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<td>Totally immerse in an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity used according to manufacturer’s instructions.</td>
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<td>The disinfectant solution specified above shall remain covered at all times, and shall be changed at least once per week or whenever visibly cloudy or dirty.</td>
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10.3.11  HAIRSTYLING

When exiting their room, all female youth shall wear their hair neatly combed in a bun centered on their head. No swoops, patterns, or parts are allowed. With the exception of shorter hair that can be braided to one center point with a minimum of five (5) equal straight braids/corn rows. Rubber-bands are only to be used to hold the bun or braids in place.

A youth is allowed to braid their own hair in their room. If a youth with short hair is unable to braid their own hair, they may submit a supervisor’s request to have their hair braided. Upon unit SPO approval, staff may provide hair braiding services. All braiding must be supervised. All hair styling tools must be disinfected before each individual use (Title 15, Section 1488). Therefore, all equipment must be disinfected prior to use as follows:

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10.4 Shower Program

10.4.1 STANDARDS

Each youth newly booked into the KMJDF or EMJDF shall be afforded the opportunity to shower or bathe. They will then be afforded the opportunity to shower or bathe on a daily basis thereafter at all San Diego County Juvenile Detention Facilities. Each housing unit/dorm shall therefore provide youth with the opportunity for daily showering. During the daily shower program, Unit/Dorm officers shall provide youth with soap, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste.

10.4.1 TOILETRY ITEMS

Items such as hand lotion and miscellaneous hair products shall be dispensed in small quantities during the shower program, according to the schedule as developed in each individual unit/dorm. During distribution of these items, officers should be aware of the potential for product misuse (i.e., greasing down the body, hair, etc.) and therefore, supervision over the dispensing of these items is required. All such products must be applied to the youth’s bodies under the direct supervision of a unit officer. Youth shall not be allowed to retain any excess, or take these products to their rooms.

10.4.2 TOILETRY PROVISIONS

All toiletry articles shall be provided solely by the facility. These items are not to be supplied to youth by their parents or other visitors. The only exception to this policy shall be for medically necessary specialty products, cleared by the medical clinic (see Manual Section 8.5).

The Girls Rehabilitation Facility (GRF) permits a youth’s parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide additional personal hygiene products such as: toiletry baskets, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrush and body puff, body wash and body lotion, deodorant, hair gel/grease, brush/comb, and Chapstick, once they reach the Journey Phase. These items cannot contain alcohol, glass, metal, breakable containers or pump/aerosol sprays. In addition, medicated items are prohibited.
10.5 Access to Restroom Facilities

10.5.1 REASONABLE ACCESS TO RESTROOMS

To unreasonably deny a youth permission to use the restroom is unacceptable. Therefore, youth shall not be denied reasonable access to the restroom facilities. "Reasonable Access" requires providing use of the restroom facilities, with no more than a five (5) minute delay, except in the case of an emergency. If, and when, such an emergency arises, and access to the restroom is delayed, the circumstances shall be documented in an Incident Report.

When youth are scheduled to attend recreation periods, school, or special activities/events which are outside the unit, they shall be allowed to use the restroom either before leaving the unit/dorm or after they get back to the unit but before returning to their rooms.

If a youth uses the restroom, then needs to use the restroom again a short time later (within a half hour), she/he may be counseled regarding "poor head call planning." However, the youth shall be given the opportunity to use the restroom upon request. Additionally, a youth shall not be denied the use of the restroom simply because it is during shift-change.

Officers shall control access to the restroom as needed to maintain safety and security, but shall not use denial of restroom use as a form of punishment, and shall not discipline youth for requesting to use the restroom while secured in their rooms or engaged in unit activities.