



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROBATION DEPARTMENT
INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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DATE: December 24, 2018
TO: All Institutions Staff
FROM: Scott Huizar, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
SUBJECT: Restraint Chair

Changes in Juvenile Title 15 will prohibit the use of restraint chairs in juvenile facilities effective January 1, 2019. To comply with this regulatory change, IS Policy Section 14.4 Use of the Restraint Chair is suspended and we will no longer utilize the restraint chair in any of our facilities, effective immediately. Over the last several years, our supervisors and staff have done a great job of identifying alternatives to using the restraint chair as demonstrated by how infrequently it has been used. I have directed the facility Division Chiefs to ensure that the restraint chairs are moved to storage and marked "do not use" until they can be otherwise disposed of.

As a reminder, Title 15 regulations also prohibit the affixing of hands and feet together behind the back in the manner commonly known as hogtying or maximum restraint. This technique is already prohibited by IS policy section 5.10.4.2.

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