

State of North Carolina Department of Public Safety Prisons

Chapter: F Section: .1600

Title: Management of Security

Posts

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INTERIM POLICY & PROCEDURE

The purpose of this interim policy is to make a change to a policy prior to the annual review date. The interim policy will be incorporated into the actual policy during the next annual review. All interim policies shall be updated no more than six months past the annual review date.

CURRENT LANGUAGE

F.1601 (d) (4) Each facility shall implement a policy and practice for Facility Heads and/or the Facility Assistants to conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such rounds shall occur on all shifts. The policy shall prohibit staff from alerting other staff members that these rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility.

NEW LANGUAGE

F.1601 (d) (4) Each facility shall implement a policy and practice for Wardens and/or the Associate Wardens to conduct and document unannounced rounds to identify and deter sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Such rounds shall occur on all shifts. The policy shall prohibit staff from alerting other staff members that these rounds are occurring, unless such announcement is related to the legitimate operational functions of the facility. When making unannounced rounds, an intermediate, or higher, level supervisor must make a cross-gender announcement upon entering the housing unit.

Additionally, the following definitions are new and will be added to F.1602:

- (x) Cross-gender announcement refers to a required announcement made when entering the housing unit by all staff who are the opposite gender of the offenders housed at that location (e.g. male or female on the block).
- (y) Unannounced round refers to unscheduled security checks conducted throughout a facility by intermediate, or higher, level supervisors to prevent, identify, and deter sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders.

SUMMARY:

- Added verbiage to F .1601 (d) (4)
- Addition of two definitions to F .1602

FILING:

This Interim Policy will be filed in the Power DMS system and on the Prisons web page along with the original policy.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Director of Operations is responsible for ensuring the content of this interim policy and procedure is included in a revised policy and updated through the annual review process.

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Commissioner of Prisons	Date

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